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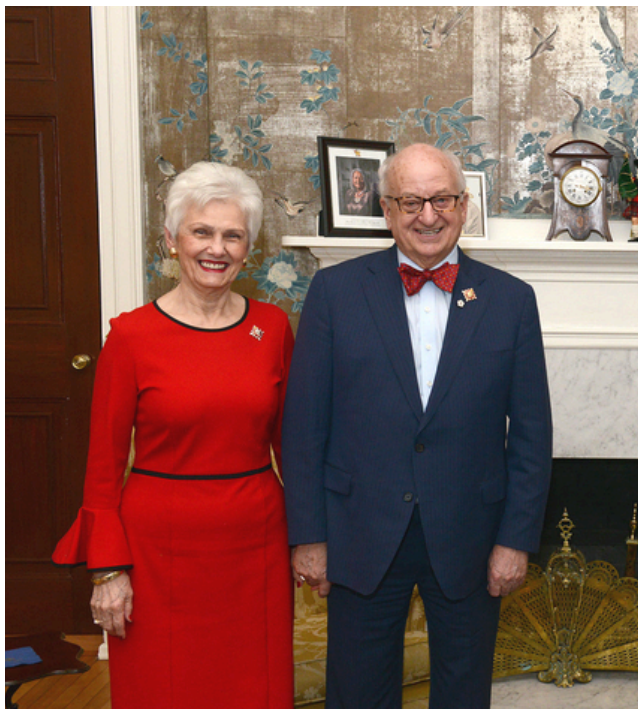
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FOREWORD



Dear Friends,

Over the past year, it has been a pleasure to meet with Nova Scotians and visitors to our province as the current COVID-19 public health mandates have made it possible to gather in person once again. Patsy and I have been anticipating the time when we could safely invite guests to Government House and travel to communities across the province.

At the close of this fiscal year, we marked the beginning of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year, recognizing Her Majesty's 70 years of steadfast service to all Canadians and people throughout the Commonwealth. As Her Majesty's reign embodies the importance of commitment to one's community and country, the Platinum Jubilee provides opportunities

to honour Nova Scotians who have demonstrated an unwavering dedication to family, neighbours and colleagues, particularly throughout the pandemic.

While the past twelve months have tested the endurance of many, it has been inspiring to witness countless examples of compassion during times of stress and uncertainty. There is no way to adequately thank each of you for your service during this unprecedented time.

Based on the robust reception of virtual events and programmes last year, Government House continued online outreach. In the last twelve months, I have had the pleasure to gather online with more than 235,260 Nova Scotians, representing 25% of our total population. Together, we marked significant milestones that represent our culture, diversity, heritage, and history. Notable ceremonies include the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Emancipation Day, the Provincial Commemorative Service for His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, and a flag raising ceremony on the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada.

As the province continues to ease COVID-19 mandates, I expect that Government House will continue to function in a way that reflects pre-pandemic times. While the health and safety of all guests remains a top priority, the Household prepares for regularly scheduled investitures, award ceremonies and tours. Patsy and I are happy to open the ceremonial home of all Nova Scotians to the public once again.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to all Nova Scotians for countless acts of service, sacrifice, compassion and care over the past two years. I send heartfelt best wishes for health, happiness and peace to residents and guests of our province.

Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC
Lieutenant Governor



Their Honours and the Vice-Regal Household Staff. January 2022.

MISSION

To serve, support and maintain with excellence, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and Government House.

MANDATE

To support the constitutional and symbolic role of the Lieutenant Governor as The Queen of Canada's representative in Nova Scotia, and to maintain and enrich the traditions and heritage of Government House Halifax as the centre of official hospitality for the province and its people.

OBJECTIVES

The corporate objectives of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor reflect six goals central to the mandate of the Lieutenant Governor:

- Constitutional/Legal
- Crown-Indigenous Relations
- Ceremonial
- Community Engagement
- Promoting Nova Scotia
- Preserving Government House

INTRODUCTION



The Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House supports the Lieutenant Governor in fulfilling his constitutional, state, and ceremonial responsibilities. *The Constitution Act 1867* provides that there must be a Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia who is appointed in the name of the Sovereign by the Governor General on advice of the Prime Minister.

As the representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, who is Head of State, the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, is authorized and required to execute all matters that pertain to his office according to law and constitutional convention.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House provides administrative and logistical support enabling the Lieutenant Governor to exercise the constitutional powers and responsibilities of the Office and to undertake representational, ceremonial, and

civic duties. The autonomous nature of the Office is consistent with the Lieutenant Governor's role to function with political neutrality. The Office also supports the Administrator of the Province who acts in the place of the Lieutenant Governor when the Lieutenant Governor is unavailable.

Additionally, the Office is responsible for planning and implementing the Lieutenant Governor's programme, awards, patronages, and many other activities undertaken with, and on behalf of, Nova Scotians in communities across the province.

To help Nova Scotians and visitors understand the role and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor, the Office offers a "general tour" programme along with a "talk & tour" program at the Lieutenant Governor's official residence, Government House in Halifax.

Under the direction of the Private Secretary and Executive Director of Government House, the administrative element of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House reports through the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House is committed to accounting for activities and expenditures. Support for the physical plant, systems and infrastructure of Government House is provided through the Department of Public Works.

The Office works closely with the provincial departments, Government of Canada, Mi'kmaq leaders, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Halifax Regional Police, Cape Breton Regional Police Service, New Glasgow Regional Police, Department of Canadian Heritage, and numerous non-governmental organizations over which the Lieutenant Governor presides as Patron or Honorary Patron.

By enabling the Lieutenant Governor to exercise his constitutional authorities and responsibilities and to undertake duties as the representative of the Head of State, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor directly contributes to maintaining a stable and effective government.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Online Outreach and Activities



Their Honours participating in a virtual meeting of the Canadian Vice-Regal family. February 2022.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Province remained under a state of emergency during the 2021-22 fiscal year. Despite restrictions on gathering limits and physical distancing requirements, strong engagement with Nova Scotians continued due to the Lieutenant Governor's online presence.

A total of 235,268 people viewed events and posts on Facebook, the central hub for virtual events. This number is up 2.6% from the previous year and represents 25% of the total population of Nova Scotia.

Online outreach has mitigated the inability to hold regular events at Government House and allowed programmes to reach many Nova Scotians who live outside of the Halifax Regional Municipality.



The ingenuity of the Household, along with Nova Scotians' enthusiastic participation in online events, resulted in the creation of a semi-permanent video recording studio. From a sitting room at Government House, the Lieutenant Governor attended and delivered remarks at twenty-one provincial celebrations, including the launch of African Heritage Month, Gaelic Nova Scotia Month, Nova Scotia Heritage Day and the 2021 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.



The Lieutenant Governor also filmed thirty greetings for events that celebrated the culture and heritage of Nova Scotia. These included Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month, the African Nova Scotian Music Association, Celtic Colours and International Women's Day.



On 21 March 2022, the Government of Nova Scotia announced an end to the state of emergency in the province. Many in-person events that were postponed or cancelled during the 2021-22 fiscal year have been rescheduled and will take place, along with the standard event program, in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Roles & Duties of the Lieutenant Governor

Constitutional Duties



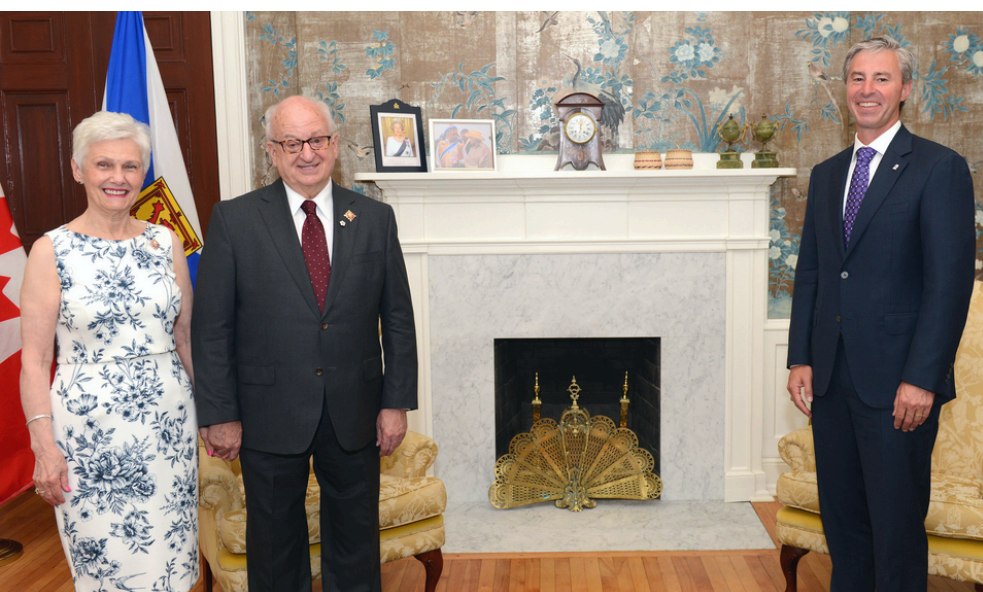
His Honour delivering the Speech from the Throne. 12 October 2021.

At the request of the Premier Iain Rankin, the Lieutenant Governor dissolved the House of Assembly and called a general election on 17 July 2021. Following the election results, Mr. Rankin notified the Lieutenant Governor of his intention to resign as Premier of Nova Scotia. In turn, the Lieutenant Governor received Mr. Tim Houston, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, and requested that he form a new government.

Mr. Houston was sworn as Nova Scotia's 30th premier, along with a 19-member Executive Council (Cabinet) on 31 August 2021. The Lieutenant Governor presided over the ceremony at the Halifax Convention Centre, which was jointly organized by the Executive Council Office and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This state ceremony included a Mi'kmaq smudging, African-Nova Scotian drummers and the piping in of the designated Executive Councillors, along with the swearing/affirming of oaths, signing of jurats and transfer of the Great Seal.

As COVID-19 restrictions eased in the province, the Lieutenant Governor carried out traditional constitutional duties in fall 2021 and winter 2022. He delivered 2 Speeches from the Throne and granted Royal Assent to 40 Bills. His Honour also signed 296 Orders-in-Council and issued 12 Proclamations.

At the request of the Minister of Justice and the Provincial Secretary, the Lieutenant Governor appointed 197 Notaries Public.



Transfer of the Great Seal to the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Brad Johns. 31 August 2021.



Crown-Indigenous Relations

Throughout the year, the Lieutenant Governor participated in events that celebrate and pay tribute to the historic relationship between the Mi'kmaq and the Crown.

A significant event was the commemoration of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on 30 September 2021. This day represents an important step in acknowledging and honouring First Nations, Inuit and Métis residential school survivors, their families and their communities. Government House was lit in orange that evening and flags were flown at half-mast.

Annual celebrations resumed at Government House, including a Flag Raising Ceremony to mark Treaty Day and the launch of Mi'kmaq Heritage Month. Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy was in attendance and raised the Grand Council of the Mi'kmaq flag with the Lieutenant Governor. The Grand Chief and Lieutenant Governor also unveiled a portrait of the Late Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy, painted by Alan Sylliboy. This is now part of the Crown Collection and is on permanent display in the Ballroom at Government House.



Roles & Duties of the Lieutenant Governor

Ceremonial Duties



The service was arranged by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Executive Council Office and the Protocol Office, with support from the Strathcona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Cathedral Church of All Saints and a diverse variety of faith leaders.

The Commemorative Service for His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

On 9 April 2021, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh passed away. The Lieutenant Governor presided over the Provincial Commemorative Service in Celebration of the Life of The Duke of Edinburgh at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax. This was the only official, in-person commemoration service for The Duke of Edinburgh held on the day of his funeral in the Commonwealth due to the pandemic.

While the service was not open to the public due to public health restrictions, it was live streamed on the Lieutenant Governor's YouTube and Facebook pages, receiving a combined total of 21,562 views.

Platinum Jubilee and Flag Raising



The Lieutenant Governor marked the beginning of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year on 6 February 2022. This event celebrated Her Majesty's 70 years of service to Canada and members of the Commonwealth.



To commemorate this unprecedented historic event, a Flag Raising Ceremony was held at Government House in Her Majesty's honour. The Queen's Personal Canadian Flag was flown, the only time this has occurred since Her Majesty's 2010 Royal Tour of Nova Scotia. Due to COVID-19 gathering limits, the Lieutenant Governor was not able to invite members of the public to attend the ceremony in person. However, over 1,240 Nova Scotians joined virtually. Footage was also broadcast by CTV News Atlantic and several media outlets, including CityNews Halifax, published stories about the event.



The Canadian Armed Forces through Maritime Forces Atlantic, provided a quarter guard made up of members of the Royal Canadian Navy. Rear-Admiral Brian Santarpia was also present to mark the occasion.

Celebrations marking the Platinum Jubilee Year will continue across Nova Scotia through the 2022-23 fiscal year. As COVID-19 restrictions continue to lift, the Lieutenant Governor plans to hold events in various regions across the province.



The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia)

To celebrate The Queen's 70 years of service, the Lieutenant Governor and the Government of Nova Scotia announced the establishment of an award program that recognizes Nova Scotians for outstanding service.

The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia) will be awarded to 5,000 residents of all ages and from all walks of life who have contributed to their communities and the province, particularly during the pandemic. The program will be administered by the Protocol and Honours Secretariat with support from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Prix d'excellence du lieutenant-gouverneur pour l'Acadie et la francophonie de la Nouvelle-Écosse

As the first Acadian Lieutenant Governor in Nova Scotia's history, His Honour was pleased to hold the inaugural award ceremony of the Prix d'excellence du lieutenant-gouverneur pour l'Acadie et la francophonie de la Nouvelle-Écosse, an award that recognizes individuals who have made social, economic, or cultural contributions to the Francophone community in Nova Scotia.

The award is administered by Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, Government of Nova Scotia. Six recipients were selected from a pool of nominees in the following categories: a francophone, a francophile, and a youth recipient under the age of 25.



Emancipation Day

The Lieutenant Governor observed Emancipation Day on 1 August 2021, the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire. This commemoration recognizes the history and impacts of slavery in the province. This was the first time Emancipation Day has been observed in Nova Scotia and to mark the occasion, Government House flew the African Nova Scotian flag, designed by Wendie L Wilson.



Overall Activity Level

Events, Remarks and Correspondence



The Queen's Counsel Commissioning Ceremony at Government House. 9 December 2021.

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Constitutional Duties

The activities undertaken by the Lieutenant Governor are divided into separate categories. They are defined as follows:

Constitutional Duties:

Events including the Speech from the Throne, meetings with the Premier or Executive Council Officials, and signing Orders-In-Council, statutory and non-statutory instruments.

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In-House Events

In-House Events:

Receptions, dinners, investitures, performances, presentations, meetings, and ceremonies held at Government House, which are presided over by the Lieutenant Governor.

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External Events

External Events:

Events organized by Government House and presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, but held outside of Government House. This includes tours and related events.

Activity Statement

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Event Type	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20
A. Constitutional Duties	A. 72	A. 88	A. 75
B. In-House Events	B. 131	B. 105	B. 138
C. External Events	C. 63	C. 38	C. 179
Total	266	231	397

Speech Type	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20
A. In-Person Remarks	A. 63	A. 31	A. 139
B. Video Remarks	B. 30	B. 55	B. 2
Total	93	86	141

Certificate Type	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20
A. Milestone Birthdays	A. 332	A. 420	A. 392
B. Wedding Anniversaries	B. 168	B. 211	B. 217
C. Military	C. 132	C. 124	C. 111
D. Merit/Thanks	D. 7	D. N/A	D. N/A
E. Service	E. 4	E. N/A	E. N/A
Total	643	755	720

Continuing Public Access

Public and Regional Outreach



Christmas tree decorating event with L'Arche at Government House. 3 December 2021.

Building on the success of the 2020-21 fiscal year, the Lieutenant Governor continued virtual public outreach activities, particularly during the first half of the year when gathering limits resulted in the cancellation of events and tours. One significant benefit was that residents who cannot physically travel to Government House were able to engage with the Lieutenant Governor online and participate in activities.

A total of 235,268 people viewed events and posts on Facebook, the central hub for virtual events. This number represents 25% of the total population of Nova Scotia. Online guests were able to take virtual tours of Government House, attend investitures and award ceremonies, and view concerts and documentaries.

In February 2022, the Evenings @ Government House program experimented with the first “designed for online” performance. The Lieutenant Governor partnered with Symphony Nova Scotia to present a performance and discussion by conductor Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser.

Because of the virtual format, four symphony selections were included in the program, an option that would not have been possible during an in-house performance. In total, 550 guests from across the province attended through Facebook, which greatly exceeds the in-person capacity of Government House; the Ballroom comfortably seats 80 guests.

As COVID-19 restrictions eased in March 2022, the Lieutenant Governor continued to livestream Evenings @ Government House events, even when in-person attendance was possible. For the remainder of the Winter 2022 season, there was an average of 520 online and 70 in-person guests at each event.

For the second year, summer tours were cancelled throughout the fiscal year due to the pandemic. However, the Lieutenant Governor invited several small community groups to Government House for customized events. For example, His Honour and Mrs. LeBlanc welcomed the Support Services Group and L'Arche to Government House before the holidays. Guests from Halifax, Antigonish and Wolfville decorated Christmas trees with Their Honours. All gatherings were planned in accordance with public health protocol.

Outside of Halifax Regional Municipality, the Lieutenant Governor made official visits to the regions of Cape Breton Island, the Northumberland Shore, Annapolis and the Bay of Fundy, the Eastern Shore, and the South Shore. His Honour celebrated several milestone events with Nova Scotians including the 40th anniversary of the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, the 400th anniversary of New Scotland, and the 150th anniversary of the Cape Breton Highlanders.



Promoting Nova Scotia

Investitures and Awards



Presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration to the Province's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Robert Strang.

The Lieutenant Governor honoured Nova Scotians for significant and long-term achievements and service to their communities, the province and the country. In total, there were 13 Investitures for Honours of the Crown. An additional 55 orders, decorations and medals, including the Order of Nova Scotia, Order of St. John, Meritorious Service Medal, Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers and Exemplary Service Medals, were presented.

Aside from national and provincial honours, the Lieutenant Governor recognized excellence in a diverse array of fields through Lieutenant Governor Awards. Throughout the 2021-22 fiscal year, award ceremonies were held in-person or online, depending on the public health directives from the Government of Nova Scotia. Live streaming services were offered when the number of in-person guests were limited due to pandemic mandates.

Lieutenant Governor's Awards

Award	Partner	No. Bestowed 2021-22	No. Bestowed 2020-21	No. Bestowed 2019-20
LG's Education Medal	Dept. of Education & Early Childhood Development	73	158	146
LG's Award for Excellence in Public Administration	Institute of Public Administration Canada	1	3**	3
LG's Award for Design in Architecture	Nova Scotia Association of Architects	4	**	**
LG's Award for Excellence in Engineering	Engineers Nova Scotia	2	**	3
LG Award for Conservation	Nova Scotia Salmon Trust	*	**	1
LG's Nova Scotia Talent Trust Award	Nova Scotia Talent Trust	8	8	8
LG's Greenwing Award	Ducks Unlimited	*	*	*
LG's Prêt à écrire! Award	Canadian Parents for French	*	*	*
LG's Masterworks Arts Award	Arts Award Foundation	5	5	5
LG's Community Spirit Award	Dept. of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	4	82 Plaques	4
LG's Person with Disabilities Employer Partnership Awards	Collaborative Partnership Network	*	*	*
LG's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines	Winery Association of Nova Scotia, Taste of Nova Scotia	5	5	4
LG's Respectful Citizenship Award	Dept. of Education & Early Childhood Development	18	18	18
LG's Award for Culinary Excellence	Nova Scotia Community College	6	6	6
LG's Acadian/Francophonie Award	Acadian and Francophonie Affairs	6	NEW	NEW

Milestone Events

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Poster unveiling during the provincial launch of African Heritage Month 2022. 26 January 2022.

The Lieutenant Governor undertook 9 courtesy calls or meetings with Commonwealth and foreign representatives. The Lieutenant Governor also swore in the Honourable Tim Houston as Nova Scotia's 30th premier, along with a 19-member cabinet.

As The Queen's representative and on behalf of all Nova Scotians, the Lieutenant Governor was also present at 286 events hosted by a wide range of cultural, sporting, civic, heritage, military and volunteer communities.

Some of the highlights included:

- Provincial Commemorative Service celebrating the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh
- Swearing in of a new Premier and members of the Executive Council
- Flag raising and launch of the Platinum Jubilee Year in Nova Scotia
- Inaugural award ceremony for the Prix d'excellence du lieutenant-gouverneur pour l'Acadie et la francophonie de la Nouvelle-Écosse

- Commemoration of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Observation of the first Emancipation Day
- Highway of Hero's Nova Scotia Veteran's Ride
- Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens 40th Anniversary
- 400th Anniversary of New Scotland
- Battle of Britain Commemorative Service
- Cape Breton Highlanders' 150th Anniversary
- Flag raising ceremonies for National Flag of Canada Day, Fête nationale de l'Acadie, Pride Week, International Day of La Francophonie and Treaty Day
- Bridgewater Fire Department Band 2021 Fall Concert
- Remembrance Day
- The Menorah Lighting Ceremony
- Africville Heritage Trust Society Tree Lighting Ceremony



Volunteer Service

Honorary Aides-de-Camp in Nova Scotia



Meal preparation at the Ronald McDonald House Atlantic. December 2021.

The cadre of 31 Honorary Aides-de-Camp, comprised of members of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Halifax Regional Police, Cape Breton Regional Police Service and New Glasgow Regional Police, volunteered 1,145 hours aiding the Lieutenant Governor in discharging his duties throughout Nova Scotia.

Through the year, the Aides-de-Camp were regularly gathered for monthly AdeC meetings, participating via Zoom when the pandemic prevented in-person gatherings. They played an important role at events, particularly at Government House where the Aides-de-Camp assisted with social-distancing protocol and ensured household groups were seated in the same “pod”.

Outside of their formal AdeC duties Inspector Don Moser, Inspector Blair Bannerman, Constable Mark Hurlburt and Corporal Deepak Prasad volunteered with Ronald McDonald House Atlantic (RMHA). Together, they prepared meals for 30 families staying at the RMHA over the holiday season.

Additions to Government House

The Crown Collection



Unveiling of the Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy Portrait by Alan Syliboy on Treaty Day, 1 October 2021.

Government House was pleased to acquire a portrait of Georges Philias Vanier for the Crown Collection. Not only was General Vanier the first French Canadian Governor General, he was also appointed by Her Majesty The Queen at Government House in 1959.



A framed engraving of Governor General the Marques of Lorne being received by Mi'kmaq Leaders at Province House in 1879, was also added to the Crown Collection.

Provincial and Federal Expenditures

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Provincial Expenditures

The budget is voted on by the House of Assembly as a line in the budget of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. It covers the operation of the Lieutenant Governor's programs, salaries for the Household Staff, security services, and operational expenses associated with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Under the budget, the Salaries and Benefits line accounts for salaries paid to 9.5 FTE staff. The cost for security services, which are provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (totaling 241,795), is accounted for in Supplies and Services budget line.

Line Item	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Salaries & Benefits	\$695,096	\$679,550	\$664,877
Supplies & Services	\$305,968	\$289,394	\$305,018
Other	\$12,382	\$9,949	\$11,796
Recoverable from other Departments	(1,545)	0	(363)
TOTAL	\$1,011,901	\$978,894	\$981,329

Federal Expenditures

Since 1867, the salary of the Lieutenant Governor has been covered by the Federal Government. Federal funds are also granted to account for certain costs incurred by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in the discharging of official duties. The above mentioned funds are granted through a lump sum payment know as a named grant to the Lieutenant Governor.

Since the 2004-05 fiscal year, the Department of Canadian Heritage has provided \$64,199 annually in funding towards supporting the role of the Crown in Nova Scotia. This amount has remained consistent and is not indexed or lined to the CPI or the annual inflation rate.

Federal funds are used to cover certain expenses that are not covered by funds granted by the province. Expenditures are divided into three categories: Travel/Accommodation, Hospitality and Operational/Administrative Expenses.

Please note that the travel category is used to cover expenses related to the Lieutenant Governor's official travel outside of Halifax to attend events. This includes the annual vice-regal conference. This category is also used to cover travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the driver and the Honorary Aide-de-Camp-in-Waiting, who accompany the Lieutenant Governor to official events.

Line Item	2021-22	2020-21*	2019-20
Travel/Accommodation	\$18,638	\$1,503	\$16,824
Hospitality	\$8,490	\$5,283	\$24,440
Operational/Administrative	\$39,127	\$55,335	\$22,974
TOTAL	\$66,257	\$62,212	\$64,199

*The COVID-19 pandemic caused a marked decrease in travel outside of Halifax during the 2020-21 fiscal year. The inability to host large events also decreased hospitality expenditures.

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Deployment of HMCS FREDERICTON. 24 July 2021.



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