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# Greening Government Overview

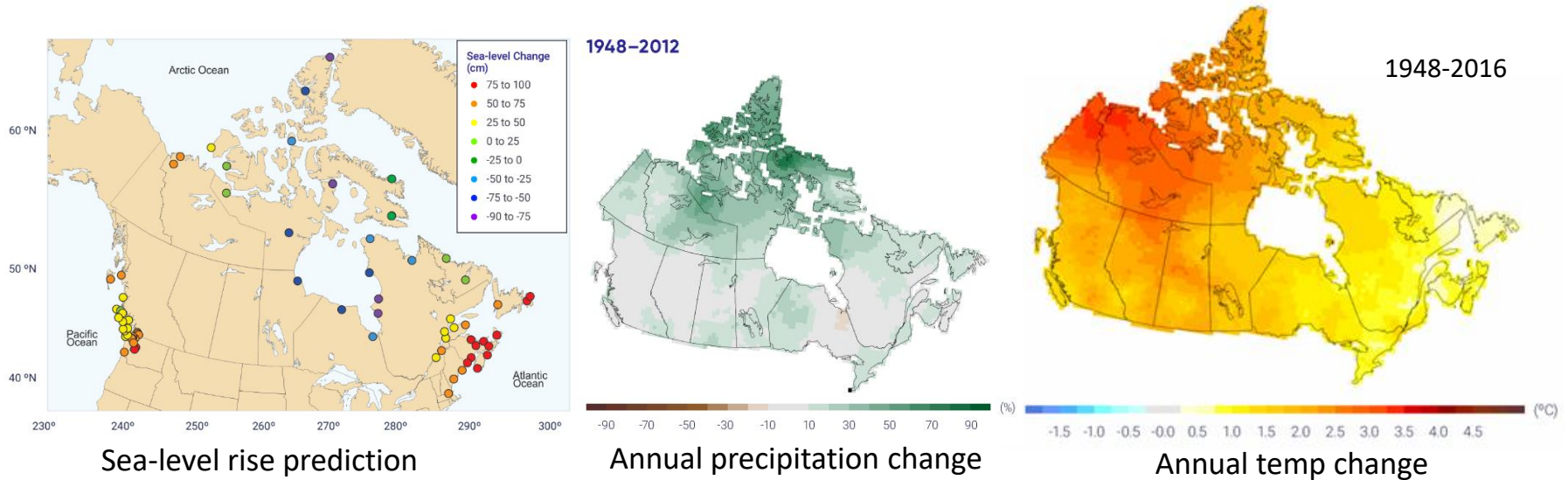
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# Climate Change Science in Canada



- Canada has warmed by **1.7°C** between 1948 and 2016, about 2 times the global average
- Northern Canada has warmed by **2.3°C**, about 3 times the global average
- Across Canada we are experiencing more extreme heat, less snow and sea ice cover, thinning glaciers, thawing permafrost, warming and acidifying oceans

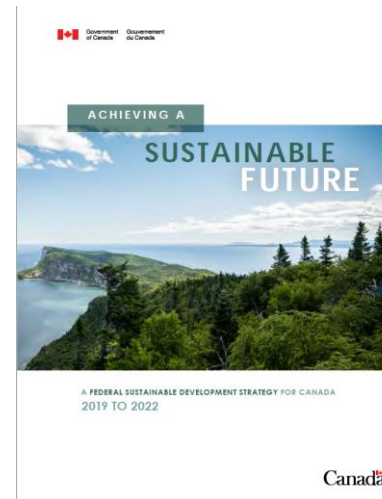
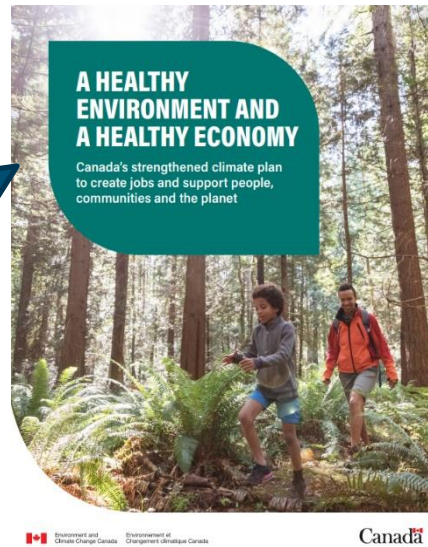
➤ ***Much of our knowledge of climate change in Canada is a direct result of the great work of federal scientists using federal labs***

# Policy context - Federal climate change commitments



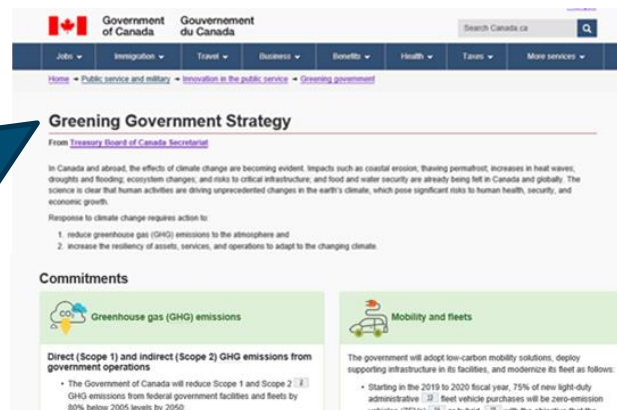
Keep the global temperature increase to well below 2 degrees Celsius

2020: Canada's enhanced climate plan targets net zero carbon by 2050 and includes greening government commitments



FSDS: Reduce GHG emissions from Federal operations

2020: Updated Greening Government Strategy Net zero emissions by 2050 for govt operations



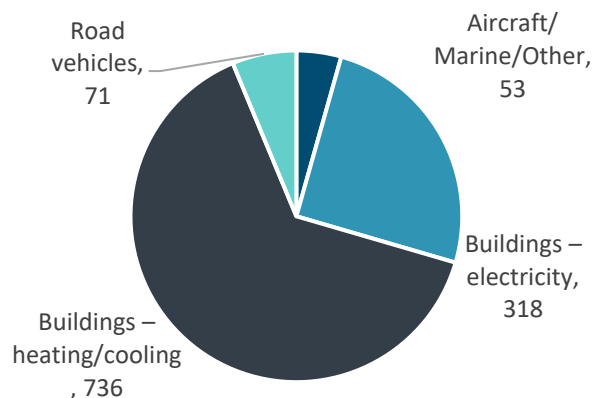
2018: Updated Policy on Green Procurement



# Sources of all Federal Emissions – 2019-20

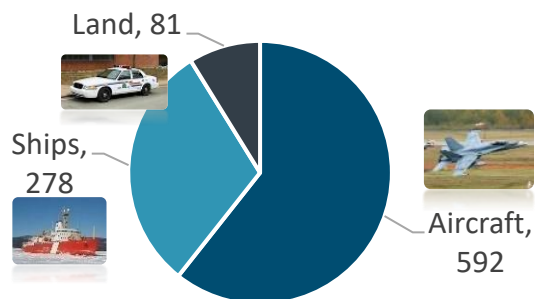
## Buildings and Conventional Fleet

1,177 kt (Scope 1-2)



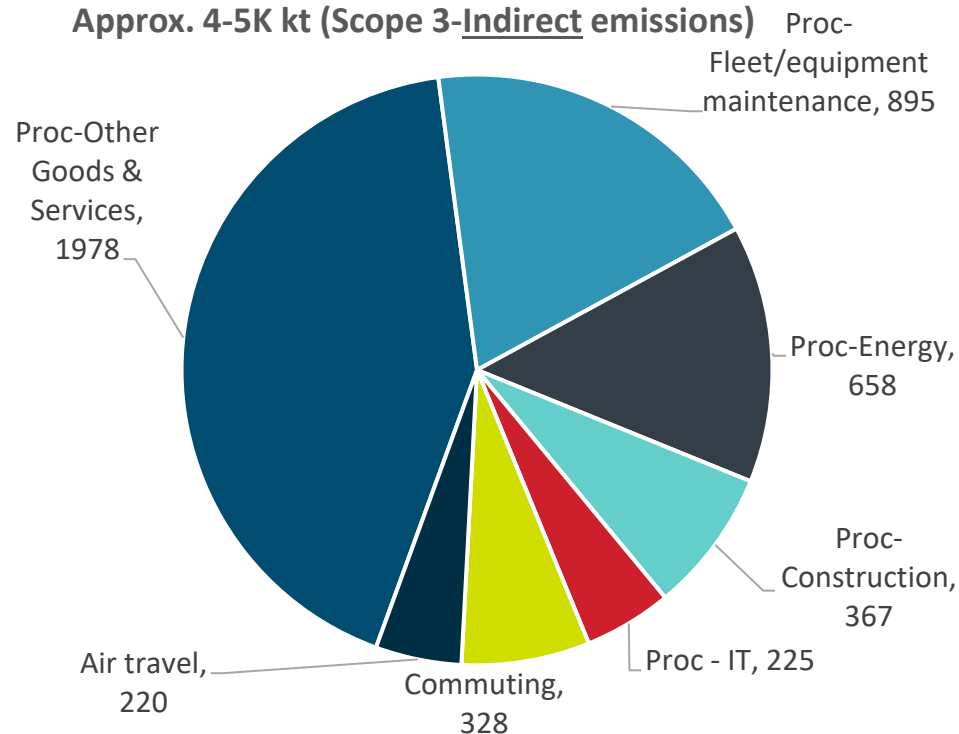
## National Safety and Security Fleet

951 kt (Scope 1)



## Procurement/Air Travel/Commuting

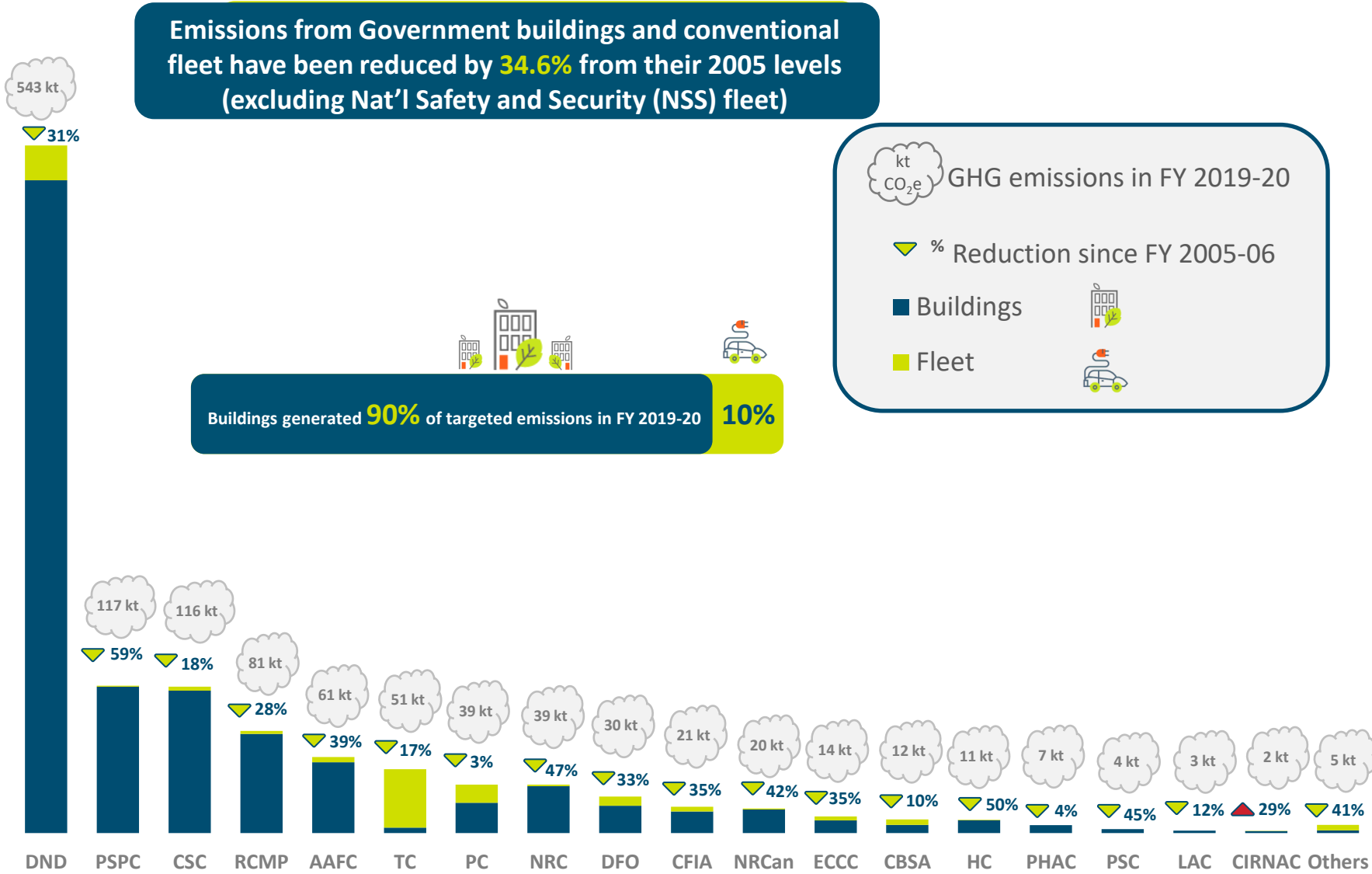
Approx. 4-5K kt (Scope 3-Indirect emissions)



### Other sources of emissions:

- **Crown corps:** Canada Post-141 kt; Via-137kt; CBC/SRC-38kt
- **Missions abroad** (TBD)
- **Domestic Office Leases** (approx. 130 kt)
- **Fugitive gases** (TBD)
- **Emissions from decentralized procurement** (TBD)

# Building & vehicle fleet emissions and progress by organization



\*Note: The government owns over 38,000 buildings, over 30,000 vehicles and procures approx. \$18B/year

# Greening Government Strategy (GGS) overview

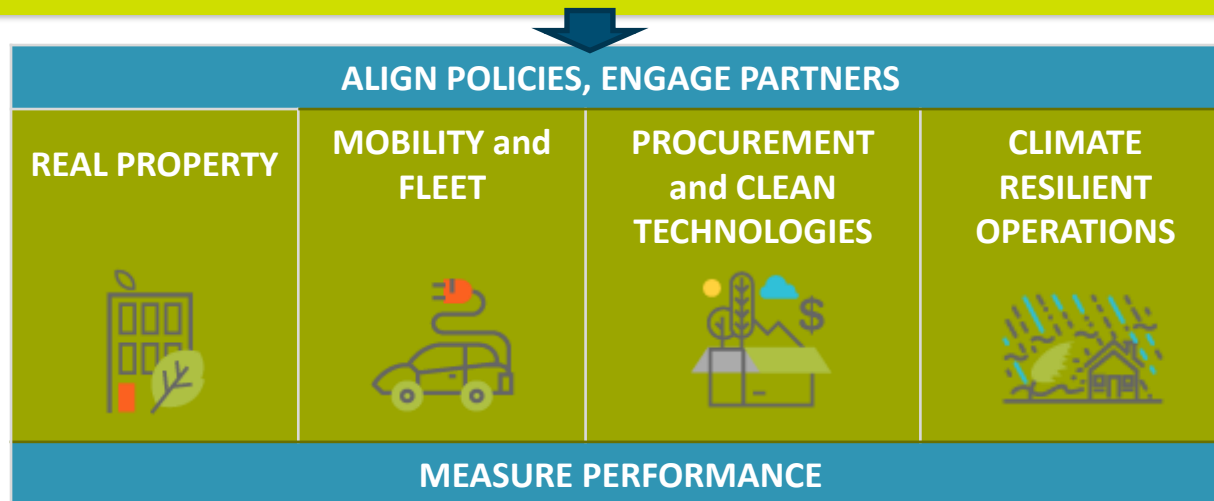
## Objective:

- ❖ 40% reduction of real property and conventional fleet emissions by 2025
- ❖ Net-zero emissions by 2050
- ❖ Overall green & climate resilient government operations

In-line with:



Strategy (GGS)  
developed to  
get there:



## Implementation:

- TBS providing direction, guidance, Greening Government Fund
- Expert depts. providing support (TBS/NRCan/PSPC/NRC/ECCC)
- **DEPARTMENTS TAKING ACTION**

## Performance:

34.6% reduction in GHG emissions to date (buildings and conventional fleet)



# Real property, fleet, adaptation and procurement commitments



## Require new builds and major retrofits to be net-zero carbon

- 100% clean electricity by 2022 where possible, latest by 2025
- Divert 75% of operational waste, including plastic waste, by 2030
- Incorporate climate-resilient design
- Use life-cycle cost analysis (carbon shadow price of \$300/tonne)
- Reduce embodied carbon in structural materials by 30% starting in 2025



## Targets for zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and hybrids

- 75% of unmodified light-duty vehicle purchases must be ZEVs or hybrids, moving to 80% ZEVs by 2030



## Adaptation to climate change

- By 2021, understand the impacts that affect federal assets, services and operations
- By 2022, develop measures to reduce risks to assets, services and operations



## Green procurement and adoption of clean technologies

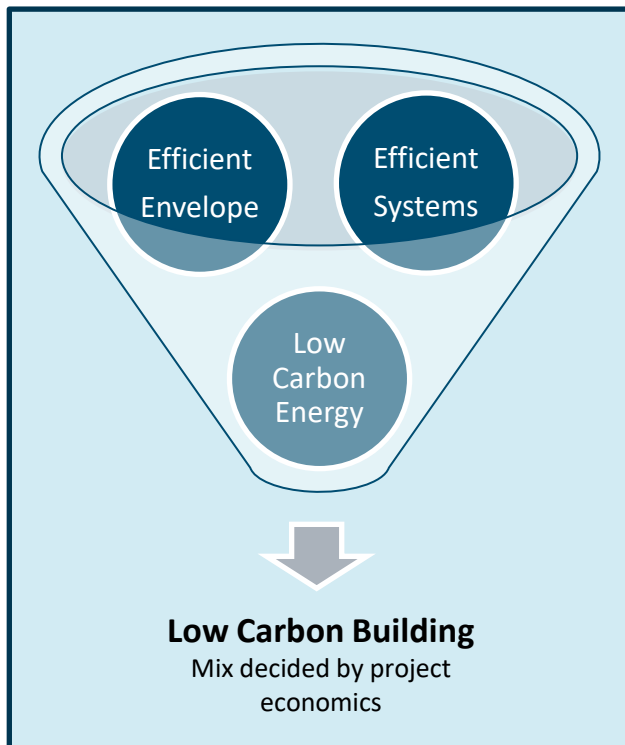
- Net-zero emissions from procurement of goods and services by 2050
- Include criteria to reduce emissions, sustainable plastics and broader environmental benefits into procurements that have a high environmental impact
- Incent major suppliers to adopt a science-based climate target and disclose emissions
- Eliminate the unnecessary use of single-use plastics in government operations



# Net Zero Carbon buildings



Zero Carbon buildings are feasible now, GC is working towards a low-carbon portfolio



The GC portfolio has 166 net zero carbon buildings, and 31 more are net zero carbon ready

Library and Archives  
Gatineau 2  
Preservation Centre –  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
(Gatineau, QC)



2575 blvd Sainte-Anne –  
COMPLETED  
(Québec City, QC)

Place du Portage III –  
IN PLANNING  
(Gatineau, QC)







# Low Incremental Cost avoids High Future Liability

- ▶ Better understanding of costs, and integrated design approaches

New Construction



Mohawk College's Office-Lab, Hamilton  
– Zero Incremental Cost

Existing Buildings



PSPC Arthur Meighen retrofit, Toronto  
–88% GHG emissions  
–4% incremental lifecycle cost (over 25 years)

Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC)  
2019 Study

## THE BUSINESS CASE FOR ZERO CARBON BUILDINGS



Geographical	Vancouver	Calgary	Toronto	Ottawa	Montreal	Halifax	Incremental Life-cycle Return	Mid-Rise Office	Low-Rise Office	Mid-Rise MURB	Low-Rise MURB	Primary School	Warehouse	Big-Box Retail	Archetype
	-1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	4%	% vs Baseline	3%	3%	0%	-1%	-1%	2%	1%	
	-55	32	58	51	-4	187	\$/m <sup>2</sup>	107	120	20	-51	-45	42	37	
	-137	18	110	79	-6	122	\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> e	208	-166	27	-63	-44	64	34	

## NATIONAL RESULTS

Incremental Life-cycle Return \$27/m <sup>2</sup>   \$34/tCO <sub>2</sub> e	1 %	Annual Operating Savings \$17/m <sup>2</sup>	24 %
Incremental Capital Costs \$253/m <sup>2</sup>	8 %	Emission Savings from Onsite Measures 31 kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> /yr	91 %*

Mid-Rise Office	Low-Rise Office	Mid-Rise MURB	Low-Rise MURB	Primary School	Warehouse	Big-Box Retail

# Greening Government Fund

## PURPOSE

To provide funding for departments to explore and share innovative approaches to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (Scope 1, 2 and 3) in federal operations. Project funding comes from departments and agencies that generate more than 1 kilotonne of GHGs per year from air travel.

## OBJECTIVE

To support and share the results of projects which:

- will result in GHG emission reductions;
- test or implement innovative approaches with a potential for learning;
- have a high potential for replicability; and
- pursue emissions solutions in difficult-to-reduce areas



- Parks Canada: Kluane Solar  
Amount: \$240,000 over 2 years

## Examples of 2018-2019 Approved Projects

- National Research Council Canada: Low-Carbon Assets Through Life-Cycle Assessment  
Amount: \$4 million over 4 years
- National Defence: Navy Ship Platform Exploitation of Energy Data (SPEED)  
Amount: \$1,570,000 over 4 years

## EXAMPLES OF GREENING GOVERNMENT RESULTS

### REAL PROPERTY



**Reducing emissions from real property** by buying clean electricity, implementing energy efficiency projects and deploying Energy Managers at bases across Canada

**90%** of the government's total electricity use comes from clean sources

### MOBILITY and FLEET



In 2020, **teleconferencing time** increased from 1.6 million minutes/day to over 5 million minutes/day, supporting collaboration from remote locations.

Bought **287 hybrid and zero-emission vehicles** in 2019-20 to reduce emissions from light-duty fleet

### PROCUREMENT and CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES



**Major suppliers** are being encouraged to disclose their GHG emissions and set Paris-based emissions reduction targets.

### CLIMATE RESILIENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS



Took action to begin to understand **climate impacts and risks** on federal operations, including new and renewed departmental assessments

### CROSS-CUTTING RESULTS

Greenhouse gas emissions reduction of **34.6%** for buildings and light-duty fleet compared to 2005-06 baseline

Committed to the principles of **transparency and open data** through annual publishing of the GoC environmental footprint

The **Greening Government Fund** has supported 27 projects that reduce GHG emissions