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This CPRA effort is part of the overall Government of Canada commitment (as led by Employment and Social Development Canada) outlined in the 2017 Federal Budget that committed to creating 15,000 new 'green' jobs for young Canadians. Funding for this program is provided by Employment and Social Development Canada.

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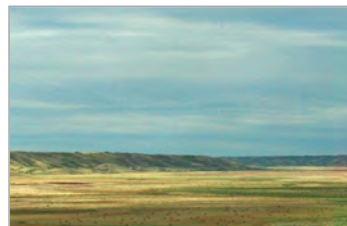
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INTRODUCTION

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The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) is thrilled to partner with the Government of Canada to support the Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative. Thanks to this partnership, much needed financial support has been provided to municipalities, Indigenous communities and other sector organizations, allowing them to develop green initiatives, advance existing green priorities and create new green summer jobs for youth.

In 2018, CPRA directly supported the creation of 700 meaningful youth green jobs in communities across Canada. Together, this support will build a generation of youth that will value nature close to home and potentially pursue an opportunity to build a career in the green jobs sector, and generate much needed support to municipalities, Indigenous communities and other sector organizations to hire additional youth to advance their green priorities.

This document was created to highlight just some of the fantastic jobs that were created in the summer of 2018 as a result of this Initiative. CPRA thanks all organizations who participated in the Initiative in 2018, all students who were employed in a green job this year, the provincial and territorial members of CPRA and the Government of Canada for their support in making this happen. We look forward to continued success in 2019.

L'Association canadienne des parcs et loisirs (ACPL) est heureuse de s'associer avec le gouvernement du Canada pour soutenir le Programme d'emplois verts dans le cadre d'Expérience emploi été. Grâce à ce partenariat, un soutien financier indispensable a été offert aux municipalités, communautés autochtones et autres organisations admissibles afin de les aider à développer des projets verts, faire avancer leurs priorités vertes actuelles et créer de nouveaux emplois verts pour les jeunes.

En 2018, l'ACPL a directement soutenu la création de 700 emplois verts significatifs pour les jeunes dans des communautés partout au Canada. Ensemble, cela permet de développer une génération de jeunes qui valorise la proximité avec la nature et, potentiellement, souhaite poursuivre une carrière dans le domaine des emplois verts en plus d'offrir un soutien indispensable aux municipalités, communautés autochtones et autres organisations admissibles afin qu'ils puissent embaucher plus de jeunes dans le cadre de l'avancement de leurs priorités en matières de plein air, d'environnement et de développement durable.

Ce document vise à souligner quelques uns des merveilleux emplois créés à l'été 2018 grâce à ce programme. L'ACPL remercie toutes les organisations qui ont participé au programme en 2018, tous les étudiants embauchés dans un emploi vert cette année, les membres provinciaux et territoriaux de l'ACPL et le gouvernement du Canada pour leur soutien. Nous avons hâte d'aborder 2019 avec autant de succès.



BANFF ALBERTA

Student and Banff community benefit from Green Jobs Initiative

ANSON MA SPENT MUCH OF HIS CHILDHOOD in Banff, Alberta. Growing up in a resort town that lies in the middle of a national park, Ma always had a passion for the outdoors and helping the environment.

Now he can give back to his community, and help connect residents and tourists with nature and recreational activities in the area. This summer, the university student is working as a planning and development intern with the Town of Banff – a role funded in part by the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program.



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Anson Ma, student

“This job has given me a new perspective on what information a tourist would need to fully appreciate Banff”

Anson Ma, student



Thanks to the initiative, Banff is getting greener. But it is also helping a student gain on-the-job experience, while helping him to see the town in different ways.

“This job has given me a new perspective on what information a tourist would need to fully appreciate Banff,” says Ma, who is entering his final year of the Master of Science in Planning program at the University of Toronto’s St. George campus.

As part of his summer internship, he is encouraging people to explore the area’s trails and make them easier to use with enhanced trail signage.

“By having better signage around, people can get to the destination they want to get to without a car,” Anson explains.

Anson is also monitoring the effectiveness of new on-

street bike lanes. Additionally, he is helping to create a community greenhouse and programs that encourage students to bike to school.

“(We are) encouraging people to get out of their cars and explore their backyard,” he says, adding that the bike lane project is also having a positive impact on the community. “it is helping to better connect the town.”

Chad Townsend, the environmental manager for the Town of Banff, describes the town as an island in a national park.

“The network around the town is truly nature,” he says, adding that the Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative has made a positive impact on the community.

“We wouldn’t have been able to advance some of these projects as quickly without Anson’s help,” he says. 🌲



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DELTA BRITISH COLUMBIA

What should a future park look like?



A CITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IS collecting the hard numbers when it comes to its parks. How many people are using them? How are they using them? What should future parks look like?

The City of Delta is getting some of these answers, thanks to a new summer position funded in part by CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program.



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Richard Minielly, student

“It’s been interesting to see how many people visits the parks, and how big a part of their life the parks are”

Richard Minielly, student

Richard Minielly, an international economics student at the University of British Columbia, has been hired thanks to the Green Jobs Initiative to work as a parks usage analyst for the city.

In his role, Minielly is responsible for collecting data that will help shape the future of Delta’s parks.

While on site, Richard examines how many people are using outdoor recreation spaces and how these spaces are being used. After he gathers the information, he is responsible for building data models that will be used for new and existing parks.

“I have been given a great amount of independence and responsibility,” says Minielly, adding that the on-the-job experience will make a great addition to his resume. “It’s rare for a student to be able to manage a project.”

He also says that he is grateful to have work experience that will have meaningful consequences for the community.

“It’s been interesting to see how many people visits the

parks, and how big a part of their life the parks are,” Richard says.

Linda Nielsen, a parks planner for the City of Delta, says that the summer position will make a great impact on helping connect the city’s people and outdoor spaces in the future.

Nielsen says that Richard has been a great asset to the city’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, and also to Delta’s community.

Better parks will mean that residents will be able to connect to the natural world, since urban parks play an essential role in public health and wellbeing.

“Just being able to understand how people use our parks will help us to develop areas where we can improve our own park assets to help people get out and appreciate nature,” says Nielsen.

“The information will help with future planning for parks,” she says. “The hard data will help justify the need for more parks.” 🌲



PINAWA & LAC DU BONNET MANITOBA

Manitoba communities experience the outdoors

PINAWA AND LAC DU BONNET RESIDENTS and visitors enjoyed the outdoors and connected with nature this summer. Funded in part by the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, and with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program, the Winnipeg River Recreation District was able to hire a green space play ambassador to promote and organize outdoor recreational activities for these two Manitoba communities.



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“This job promotes getting outdoors and appreciating what nature has to offer”

Marissa Buell, Student



“This job promotes getting outdoors and appreciating what nature has to offer,” says Marissa Buell, who was hired for the job and is currently studying athletic therapy at the University of Winnipeg. “I have always had a great appreciation for nature, and having this job provided me with more opportunity to get outside.”

In her role, Buell planned weekly events for the communities, which brought families outside, and encouraged them to explore the areas’ parks and green spaces – things like hikes, bike rides, walks, outdoor activities and games.

She says the summer job helped her get hands-on experience in athletics, but also helped her appreciate nature more.

Most of all, she says she loved the diversity of the job and felt she made a difference in the communities.

“Every day looks different,” she says. “I am able to plan a wide range of events. I enjoy being outside and sharing this passion and promoting involvement in the community.”

Kristen Meads, administrative assistant with the Winnipeg River District, says the organization would not have been able to hire Marissa if not for the Green Jobs Initiative.

The job helped connect people and nature, she says, adding that it had a positive impact on both the Pinawa and Lac du Bonnet communities.

“Having this student running programs and activities in the green spaces has encouraged people to participate in outdoor play, in a safe and no-cost environment,” Kristen says. “It has also helped to create an awareness of the different parks and green spaces in our communities, how accessible they are, and what they have to offer.” 🌲



PROGRAMME D'EMPLOIS VERTS

Profil d'étudiant : histoire à succès

EDMUNDSTON NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Quand l'horticulture suscite la fierté et l'implication d'une communauté



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DOTÉES DE NOMBREUX ESPACES VERTS ET hébergeant le magnifique Jardin Botanique du Nouveau-Brunswick, la ville d'Edmundston est la deuxième ville francophone hors-Québec la plus importante! Devant les demandes grandissantes des citoyens par rapport à la création et l'entretien d'aménagement horticole pour embellir sans cesse les espaces de la ville, le coordonnateur aux espaces verts, Alain Laplante, a fait une demande dans le cadre du Programme d'emplois verts de l'ACPL afin de créer un nouveau poste vert pour une étudiante néo-brunswickoise, soit le poste de responsable de l'horticulture.



C'est ainsi que Jolène Voyer, étudiante en ergothérapie à l'Université de Montréal, a pris les rênes d'une équipe de trois jeunes mandatée de mener à terme différents projets d'aménagement horticole à travers la ville en l'espace de 16 semaines. Un des projets les plus importants sur lequel l'équipe de Voyer a travaillé était lié au nouvel amphithéâtre de la ville – le Centre Jean-Daigle.

Un bel esprit de communauté y est né : tous les citoyens s'intéressaient au nouvel aménagement horticole qui se déployait alors, marquant en quelque sorte l'aboutissement d'un long projet important pour la communauté. Jolène et son équipe ont pu profiter de la collaboration de bénévoles, d'employés du Jardin Botanique, d'employés municipaux et même de citoyens, ces derniers les encourageant à chaque fois qu'ils passaient dans le coin. Leur travail étant majoritairement sur le terrain, soit dans les rues, dans les espaces verts et autour des bâtiments municipaux, les interactions avec les citoyens étaient fréquentes et permettaient à Jolène et son équipe de prendre le pouls de la communauté, tout en ayant un véritable sentiment d'accomplissement, de fierté.

Si c'était à refaire, le referiez-vous? Oui, se sont empressés de répondre Voyer et Laplante. Ce dernier a cependant relevé un problème que le programme lui a apporté : la création d'un nouveau besoin, soit celui de continuer à développer la ville d'Edmundston au plan de l'horticulture! Le Programme d'emplois verts est là pour ça – donner le coup de pouce nécessaire à la création de nouvelles initiatives au sein des communautés. 🌲



MCADAM NEW BRUNSWICK

Village of McAdam enjoys new and improved natural spaces

LOCATED JUST 45 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF Fredericton, the Village of McAdam has become greener - from creating an entirely new nature trail, to planting more flowers around town.

“People should be looking out for the environment and improving their communities,” says Ramses Smith, an aviation student at Mount Allison University who has led the efforts as part of his summer job with the village.



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*“People should be looking out for the environment
and improving their communities”*

Ramses Smith, student

Funded in part by CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program, the summer position has improved the community's existing parks and trails - allowing residents and visitors to enjoy their local recreational spaces.

“We added new play equipment to a park, planted and maintained flowers, and improved walking trails,” Ramses explains.

In his job, he also created a new walking trail for residents and visitors to enjoy.

“I dug it up and added crushed rocks. MADD donated a bench to the trail, and we set up picnic tables near the trail,” he says, adding that an existing trail behind the village's historic train station was also cleaned up. “It was overgrown, so we cut all the grass and cleaned up the trail and benches.”

Flower boxes were also added to the village's telephone polls, Ramses says.

Throughout the summer, he has noticed that his efforts have helped connect the community with its improved natural surroundings.

“The best part of my job is the feedback and positivity we get from the community,” he says. “It's nice seeing people having a good time, and kids playing on the playground. It brings a smile to your face helping others. It's rewarding.”

Taylor Gallant, the Village of McAdam's deputy mayor, says the funding support through the Green Jobs Initiative has made a positive impact on his community.

“It's been a blessing,” he says. “In years past, our staff has only been able to maintain the parks. Now we can finish other jobs that we've planned for a long time.”

Gallant adds that the summer position has helped give Ramses real-world experience, where he can learn outside the classroom and make positive changes to a community.

Thanks to the funding, Gallant says residents and visitors can also enjoy all that the Village of McAdam has to offer.

“It's been great to create spaces where people can gather together and see nature at the same time,” he says. 🌲





ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

St. John's moves forward as a greener city

THE CITY OF ST. JOHN'S HAS LAUNCHED A new pilot project to reduce waste in its landfill – and divert items to special causes that help those in need.

Thanks to the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program, the city's Public Works department hired post-secondary student Andrew Ryan to help carry out the project.



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“My summer job is directly affecting the amount of things going to the landfill,” says Andrew, who is in his final year of the Industrial Engineering Technology program at the College of the North Atlantic.

In his role at the City of St. John’s, Andrew works at the residential drop-off and diverts items away from the landfill. These items, such as furniture, are donated to a good cause. He also collects important data that is used to further minimize the amount of waste going to the landfill.

“You don’t realize how much is being thrown out,” he says, adding that he is graduating in December and the on-the-job experience has been invaluable.

Andrew’s supervisor, Janine Piller, the city’s waste diversion supervisor, says that his role is making a positive impact on the environment.

“This project is helping to keep things out of the landfill,” she says. “We’re seeing what can be re-used.”

Janine adds that the Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative is also helping Andrew learn important skills in the workplace, as well as making St. John’s a greener city.

“We are very pleased that we were chosen, and that there was an opportunity to move forward with this pilot project,” she says. “It’s a great opportunity to see what’s going to the landfill.” 🌲

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Andrew Ryan, student





ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Lab assistant helps Atlantic ocean life



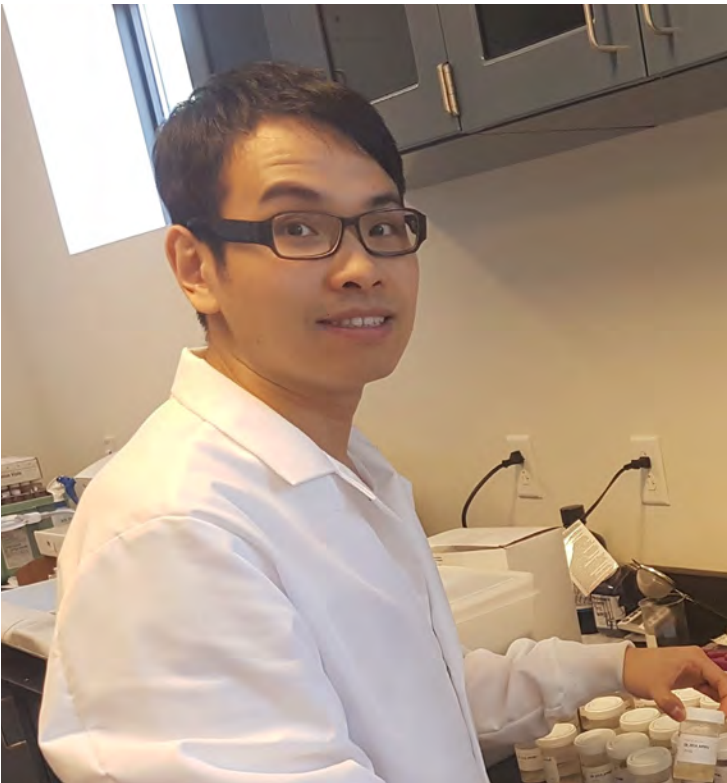
A S A NEWFOUNDLANDER, MEGAN STUCKLESS feels connected to the Atlantic Ocean. In fact, she says the ocean impacts all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in some way.

“It is deeply rooted in our cultural, geographic and social identity,” says Stuckless, who is programs manager for Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador (CCNL).

CCNL is a non-profit organization focused on providing meaningful employment and skill development opportunities for youth, while supporting local environmental and cultural conservation priorities of partners throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.



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Zhiyu Chen, student

“Funding support through the Green Jobs Initiative has impacted not simply one community, but rather 10 communities throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador”

Megan Stuckless, Programs Manager

This summer, the organization was able to hire 14 students through partial funding from the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program.

One of the students, Zhiyu Chen, worked as a laboratory assistant where he studied the effects of offshore oil production and drilling sites on fish. He worked with researchers at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), and also assisted with aquaculture research and research projects at the deep-sea lab.

Chen says his job was uniquely green because his work helped researchers analyze the health impact this activity had on fish.

“My research will help to determine how human activities affect surrounding ocean environments,” says Chen, who is working towards his Masters of Science degree in aquaculture at MUN.

He adds that the summer work gave him great experience outside the classroom, and helped him appreciate nature more.

Megan says that Zhiyu's position could directly

inform companies' and governments' conservation policies and procedures.

“These young people have had the opportunity to develop professional and technical skills, grow professional networks, and nurture mentorship relationships while making a lasting and powerful impact on their communities and local environments,” she says.

Megan adds that she is thankful for the partnership with the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association through the Green Jobs Initiative, which has positively impacted youth and communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

“Funding support through the Green Jobs Initiative has impacted not simply one community, but rather 10 communities throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador,” she says. “These funds have allowed youth to be directly involved in watershed conservation, habitat conservation, environmental education, bioremediation of culturally and economically sensitive lands, the development of community gardens incorporating traditional First Nations knowledge, wetland stewardship, environmental education and more.” 🌲



SPRINGHILL NOVA SCOTIA

Summer students help Springhill bloom

WHEN ENTERING THE SPRINGHILL community in Nova Scotia, residents and visitors are greeted with colourful potted plants, a community garden, and beautiful floral arrangements decorating the local monuments.

But that's just the beginning. Behind all of the weeding, planting and watering, two students are making an even larger environmental impact on the community – thanks to summer positions funded in part by the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program.



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“People are really enjoying the community garden and the planters by the beaches,... I like making the community look better.”

Riley Alick, student

The program allowed the first year of Springhill Communities in Bloom – a local branch of the Communities in Bloom non-profit organization – to hire second-year Mount Allison student Emily Poitras and Grade 12 Springhill High School student Riley Alick, who helped the organization achieve its goal of enhancing green spaces in Canadian communities.

“Everyone gets so excited that we’re making the town prettier,” says Poitras, who is studying sciences. “The work has definitely increased my appreciation for the environment.”

Throughout the summer, Poitras and Alick ran a program where children at the local summer day camp helped plant flowers around town.

The students also helped plan and fundraise for Springhill Communities in Bloom’s Pit Pond project – a development that includes two kilometres of trail that will connect the residential area with the downtown core through a scenic park.

“The goal of the Pit Pond project is to increase the walkability of our community, while also providing an accessible green space for our residents to enjoy,” explains Colleen Bateman, secretary of Springhill Communities in Bloom.

In the first year of the Springhill Communities in Bloom, Colleen says that the residents have become more engaged in a green way.

Neighbours are participating in the “yard of the week” contests, and enjoying new and improved green spaces around town.

“The community response has been great,” says Colleen, adding that it’s been a great learning opportunity for young children.

“The summer day camp kids really enjoy learning about planting and the soil.”

Alick and Poitras say that their summer jobs have given them experience they would not have had in the classroom – particularly teaching the next generation about the importance of the environment, and helping fundraise for a trail that will make Springhill more walkable.

Alick adds that the experience has also been very rewarding.

“People are really enjoying the community garden and the planters by the beaches,” says Riley. “I like making the community look better.” 🌲





YELLOWKNIFE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Summer student helps bring pop-up park to Yellowknife



TISHA RONDEAU HAD NEVER PLANTED flowers, weeded, or used gardening tools before. But during Yellowknife's short summer, the Aurora College social work student got her share of experience making the city greener – thanks to her summer position funded in part by the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program.

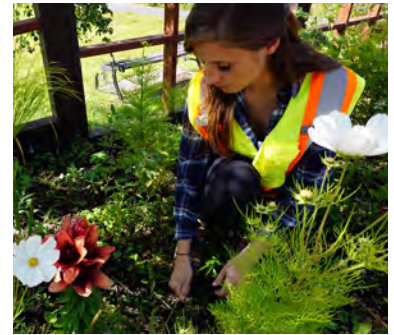


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*"I loved being
outside all day"*

Tisha Rondeau, student



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"I loved being outside all day," says Rondeau who was hired to focus on enhancing Yellowknife's natural beauty. "It was great working with the greenery and flowers. It's the first time I got to do that."

Tisha got her hands dirty fertilizing and seeding grass, planting flowers and mowing lawns. She also helped maintain the city's trails, Garden of Hope, and Bush Pilots Monument – a national historic monument honoring the bush pilots who helped open up the north to the rest of Canada.

But Rondeau was also involved in an innovative concept that brings Yellowknifers together in an outdoor space: a new pop-up park.

The project, in partnership with the City of Yellowknife and Ecology North, is a temporary park that transforms lots into a unique space where residents and visitors can appreciate the outdoors.

Ecology North calls the pop-up project "a communal space downtown that everyone can enjoy," and describes the park as having

semi-permanent landscaped areas and public installations created by Yellowknife's residents.

Dave Hurley, facilities manager with the City of Yellowknife, says that Tisha's role was very important for the creation of the pop-up park.

"She worked with Ecology North and put in trees, greenery which included edible shrubs, and a mini-putt course made of recycled items," says Hurley, adding that the position would not have been funded if it weren't for the Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative.

Tisha says the hands-on experience was invaluable, and she was happy to work in a job that helped connect people and nature – particularly in the pop-up park, where residents and visitors can congregate and have their own recreational spot in the city.

"With the pop-up park, people can do yoga on their lunch breaks. There's lots of sunlight there," she says, adding that she would definitely apply for the job again next summer. 🌲



IQALUIT NUNAVUT

Day camps help Nunavut children appreciate nature

GROWING UP IN NUNAVUT HAS MADE A lasting impact on how Hayden Hickey feels about nature. “I always appreciated the importance of nature and respecting the land,” says Hickey, who is now in his second year of Kinesiology at Dalhousie University.

Thanks in part to funding from CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program, the Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut was able to hire Hickey as their day camp manager.



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Hayden Hickey, student



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During his summer job, Hayden oversaw 13 different day camps across the territory and flew to many of the communities to do training with local camp staff.

“I was mainly communicating with the local day camp staff, and sending ideas for activities,” says Hickey. “I encouraged the day camps to spend as much time outdoors as possible, and to be active in general.”

In his role, Hayden helped plan activities for the day camps to ensure young people understood the importance of the environment, and keeping their communities clean.

“I encouraged the day camps to do cleanups around town to improve the environment,” he says, adding that he also wanted to help young people understand the importance of sustainability. “A lot of the students went berry picking and often made jams, bannock or pie with their families afterwards.”

Campers also invited visitors into their communities, where they were able to experience local nature.

“In one of the communities, a cruise ship visited,”

says Hayden. “The students planned outdoor sports activities with the passengers, and introduced them to the local community.”

He says he would love to do similar work again, and the experience was a wonderful opportunity.

“It was my first time seeing lots of the communities across the territory,” Hayden says. “Working with the kids at the summer camps was great.”

Dawn Currie, Executive Director of the Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut, says it was the first time the association hired a summer student.

Thanks to the grant, the association was able to assist camp staff implement important programs that help children appreciate nature.

“The local staff implemented much of what we trained them for, such as different activities for the outdoors including hiking and arts and crafts,” says Currie. “The training that Hayden helped provide was essential to showing lots of different activities the kids could do to better appreciate nature.” 🌲



SARNIA ONTARIO

Sarnia preserves treasured ecosystem



CANATARA PARK IS NESTLED ALONG THE shores of Lake Huron in Sarnia, Ontario. It is home to natural trails and native plants that residents and visitors can enjoy.

And the City of Sarnia wants to keep it that way.

This summer, thanks to funding in part by the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program, the municipality was able to hire two summer students to maintain this treasured natural area – keeping it healthy and strong so future generations can enjoy it too.



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“This is the best opportunity I’ve ever had...”

Mitchell Grant, student



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“This is the best opportunity I’ve ever had,” says Mitchell Grant, who was one of the students hired for the summer.

Mitchell, who is in the fish and wildlife program at Fleming College, has spent the summer maintaining the park’s many natural trails – from trimming trees and cutting grass, to removing invasive species from the trails.

“We’re trying to make all the plants on the trails native to the area, and trying to remove any invasive species in eco-sensitive areas along the trails,” Grant explains, adding that he has especially valued the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.

“It will help me a lot with my studies in college, and for my future,” he says.

In addition to getting on-the-job experience, Grant believes that his summer job is uniquely green – helping to connect people and nature.

“People need to be more informed about how nature works,” he says, adding that his work has helped him better appreciate nature and the environment. “This job helps people better understand the uniqueness of the park, and its native plants.”

Patti Ross, manager of parks, forestry and horticulture for the City of Sarnia, says the summer position has helped the community become more green.

She adds that the funding through the Green Jobs Initiative has impacted students like Mitchell as well.

“This summer position is helping connect people and nature. Both the students and the public are learning about our natural heritage, and the importance of keeping it,” Ross says. “This is an opportunity for us to be more involved with the ecosystem, and I am thrilled that students are learning to value the ecosystem.” 🌲



CHARLOTTETOWN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Island nature trust gets a boost

FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN ENJOY PRINCE Edward Island's beautiful and vast natural areas for years to come, thanks to the Island Nature Trust.

And while the non-profit organization has managed these areas since 1979, a new summer position created this year is helping to further protect its lands.

"We can do even more than we usually do," says Julie-Lynn Zahavich, Island Nature Trust's stewardship coordinator. "It's allowed us to broaden our reach, with a small staff."



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Funded in part by the CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program, the organization based in Charlottetown was able to hire a land stewardship technician this summer.

Iain Crowell, an environmental science student at Mount Allison University, was hired for the role and has been able to get invaluable on-the-job experience – in addition to making a difference in PEI's natural areas.

"I usually head out to different natural areas that the Island Nature Trust owns and poll invasive species, take photos of disturbances, and make sure the land is in good natural condition. It's lots of time outdoors," explains Crowell. "I'm always learning. And there's been lots of opportunity to test out new things I've learned in school."

He says that many of the properties have walking trails, where residents and tourists can enjoy an active lifestyle and exposure to nature.

"These natural areas allow people to reconnect with nature by identifying plants and birds," he says, adding that all of the Island Nature Trust's natural areas are open to the public.

In his role, Iain also runs programs for adults and youth. These programs develop public awareness and education to increase understanding of the importance of nature.

Zahavich says she has seen first-hand the positive impact Iain's role is making on the organization, and to PEI's nature areas as a whole.

"Iain's work is really contributing to the long-term success of these lands," she says, adding that the Island Nature Trust greatly appreciates the grant.

"It means a lot to have another person, someone who wants to learn," she says. "As a non-profit, we're always looking for new funding initiatives to hire students." 🌲

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DRUMMONDVILLE QUEBEC

La qualité de l'eau au sens propre

É TABLIS À DRUMMONDVILLE DEPUIS toute petite, Laurence Lessard s'implique auprès du Réseau aquatique de Drummondville depuis maintenant trois ans. Or, cette année, le Réseau a ouvert trois postes dans le cadre du Programme d'emplois verts, dont celui de coordonnatrice-superviseur éco-sensible. Afin de clarifier ce que « ça mange en hiver », une coordonnatrice-superviseur éco-sensible, nous avons discuter avec Lessard pour en savoir plus!



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D'abord, Lessard nous a expliqué qu'elle a choisi de poser sa candidature pour cet emploi vert précisément parce que cela rejoignait son côté « écolo ». En effet, depuis qu'elle est jeune et à travers son parcours académique, elle a développé de forts intérêts et une sensibilité particulière pour l'environnement. Ajoutez à cela une volonté de partager ses valeurs aux plus jeunes, le mandat de coordonner et superviser le camp de formation des sauveteurs, notamment sur le plan de la sensibilisation, s'accordait parfaitement avec sa personnalité.

En s'adressant à des jeunes âgés majoritairement de 12 à 14 ans, le Réseau aquatique de Drummondville comptait ainsi faire de la sensibilisation en amont en formant une nouvelle génération de sauveteurs, sensibilisés aux enjeux environnementaux entourant la qualité de l'eau. Les sauveteurs ont notamment pu bénéficier d'un atelier sur les différents types de crème solaire et les risques

environnementaux qui y sont associés, ainsi que d'un atelier sur les animaux et leur influence sur la qualité de l'eau en milieu naturel.

France Milot, superviseure de l'administration au Réseau aquatique de Drummondville, nous a expliqué que de tels projets sont difficiles à mettre en place, mais qu'en jumelant les besoins environnementaux aux besoins organisationnels à travers le Programme d'emplois verts, l'organisation bénéficiait d'une situation de type « gagnant-gagnant ». Ils peuvent maintenant être fiers de ce qu'ils ont accompli, car leur initiative novatrice leur a valu bien des éloges, notamment de la part de la municipalité de Drummondville et du directeur de la Société de sauvetage qui s'est dit fort impressionné par leur projet.

L'année prochaine, l'ambition semble s'orienter vers la sensibilisation de la population en générale. Nous avons bien hâte d'en entendre parler! 🌲



SHERBROOKE QUEBEC

De la terre à l'assiette... à la terre



L A PERMACULTURE, VOUS CONNAISSEZ?

C'est un des nombreux projets qui anime les jeunes de la Maison des Jeunes L'Intervalle de Brompton. Dans le cadre du Programme d'emplois verts, Claudia Fontaine a été embauchée par L'Intervalle en tant qu'animatrice verte mandatée de piloter différentes initiatives de développement durables impliquant les jeunes de Brompton.



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Étudiant en éducation spécialisée, Fontaine est une passionnée de l'environnement, valeur qu'elle souhaite partager aux prochaines générations. Le projet de platebandes comestibles s'inscrit dans une volonté de développement durable où les jeunes sont invités à participer à la durée de vie complète des produits desdites platebandes : de la terre à l'assiette et enfin, revenir à la terre par le compostage. Ce volet sensibilisation est des plus importants pour Claudia, qui a mis en place des ateliers d'apprentissage sur le jardinage et le compostage en misant sur le sentiment d'accomplissement des jeunes.

Si vous pensez que ça s'arrête là, détrompez-vous! En plus de participer au cheminement de ces jeunes, âgés entre 11 et 17 ans, ce projet de permaculture devient un véritable outil communautaire : le jardin est rendu accessible à tous les citoyens, qui peuvent venir cueillir le fruit des récoltes. Cela a pour effet d'encourager la consommation de produits locaux tout en favorisant un esprit de collectivité... impressionnant!

Qu'est-ce que c'est la permaculture? C'est l'organisation du jardin en vue de créer une sorte de terrarium, où

les différents végétaux sont plantés non pas en groupe comme il est fréquent de voir, mais bien de façon déconstruite en vue d'équilibrer leurs besoins! Se basant sur l'écologie naturelle, les végétaux poussent donc en quelque sorte librement et en harmonie. Or, ce n'est pas simplement de les planter n'importe comment! C'est de les planter stratégiquement pour que les ressources de l'un n'empiètent pas sur les ressources de l'autre, voire qu'il y ait une plus-value à la cohabitation de certains végétaux. Bref, Claudia a dû faire beaucoup de recherche pour devenir elle-même une ressource pour ces jeunes, motivée par leur curiosité sans fin.

En plus de ce projet de platebandes comestibles, les jeunes ont pu profiter également d'ateliers pour apprendre, entre autres, à trier les déchets et à donner une seconde vie aux objets.

De voir que le Programme d'emplois verts peut être l'étincelle de telles initiatives est une source importante de motivation pour nous. Félicitations à la Maison des Jeunes de Brompton et à Claudia Fontaine pour la mise en place de ce projet. 🌲



BEAVER CREEK SASKATCHEWAN

Beaver Creek educates visitors



BEAVER CREEK IS PART OF THE 67 SQUARE-kilometre Meewasin conservation area that runs through Saskatoon and area, where people can explore one of Saskatchewan's vast prairie sites.

Over the summer - thanks to a new position funded in part by CPRA's Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program - visitors were also able to learn more about the importance of protecting the environment.



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“I’ve grown to appreciate nature a lot more,” says Rebecca Cairns, a second-year psychology student at the University of Saskatchewan who was hired under the program.

Cairns worked as an interpreter for the Meewasin Valley Authority, which oversees Beaver Creek.

As part of her job, Rebecca helped create an interactive exhibit at Chips Lodge – a facility located at Beaver Creek next to the interpretive centre.

The exhibit raises awareness on issues concerning the environment, highlighting subjects like food waste and landfills.

It includes infographics and children’s games, with the goal of motivating visitors and the community to make small changes to minimize waste production.

“This job is uniquely green because it helps foster a connection between people and the environment,” says Cairns. “It makes people more concerned about the environment by creating a connection to the environment. And it helps people enjoy nature more.”

In addition to creating the exhibit, Rebecca hosts meet-and-greets with the public and leads student groups on the area’s four trails.

Andrea Lafond, CEO of the Meewasin Valley Authority, says the funding helped create a position that made a positive impact on the community – and visitors’ day-to-day decisions that affect the environment.

“Visitors can focus on the environment and enjoy the natural surroundings, and through educational events, make changes in their own lives,” Lafond says, adding that the position helped give a university student invaluable hands-on experience.

Rebecca says she would apply for the job again “in a heartbeat.”

“I love the people I work with,” she says, adding that the job has also personally impacted her own connection with nature.

“I’ve learned a lot about different types of plants and birds,” she says. “I’ve definitely grown to appreciate nature a lot more.” 🌲



HAINES JUNCTION YUKON

Green Jobs connects CAFN students

DOUGLAS MCKINNON IS TEACHING Yukon residents and tourists about the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) – from CAFN culture and values, to its talented artists.

“I am both teaching and learning,” says McKinnon, who is spending the summer working at the Da Ku Culture Centre in Haines Junction, Yukon.

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Chris Gleason, Summer Student Coordinator

Douglas is in grade 11 at both St. Elias Community School and FH Collins in Whitehorse, but his summer position is giving him hands-on learning experience – thanks to funding in part by the CPRA’s Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, with support from the Government of Canada’s Green Jobs Summer Work Experience program.

The Da Kų Culture Centre is a building that includes the CAFN, Parks Canada, and Yukon Tourism which all offer programming and information on different subjects.

In his role, McKinnon has a variety of jobs – from working in the retail store, to interpreting the building’s many exhibits. The variety of exhibit areas showcase the CAFN people’s culture and history, and in the summer months, guided tours of its outdoor and indoor exhibit areas are offered.

Douglas describes his summer job as uniquely green.

“My job shares the CAFN culture, values, and traditional ways with others – giving them another perspective on nature,” he says. “We often connect people with the outdoors as well.”

He adds that his work has helped connect people and

nature, and has also increased his own appreciation for nature and the environment.

“I learnt more about my heritage and culture as a CAFN member in relation to the outdoors,” he says.

Chris Gleason, summer student coordinator at CAFN, says offering uniquely green jobs to young people benefits the students, but also visitors and residents from the wider community.

“This position connects our students with tourists through telling our stories and traditional trails and territory,” says Gleason. “As well, some of the students helped with our summer literacy camps held at Da Kų with games.”

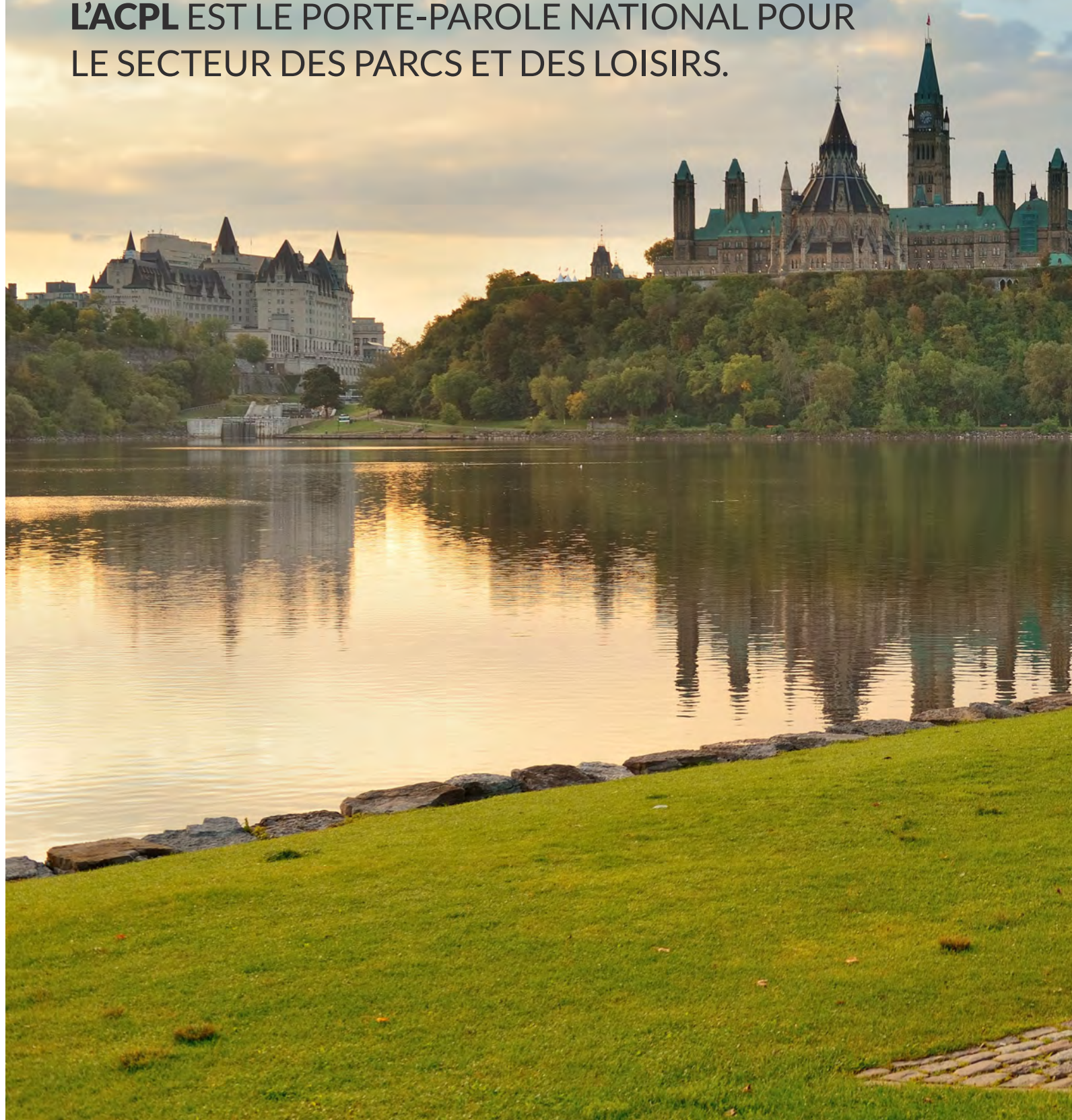
He adds that he was thankful for the funding, which allowed him to hire five students.

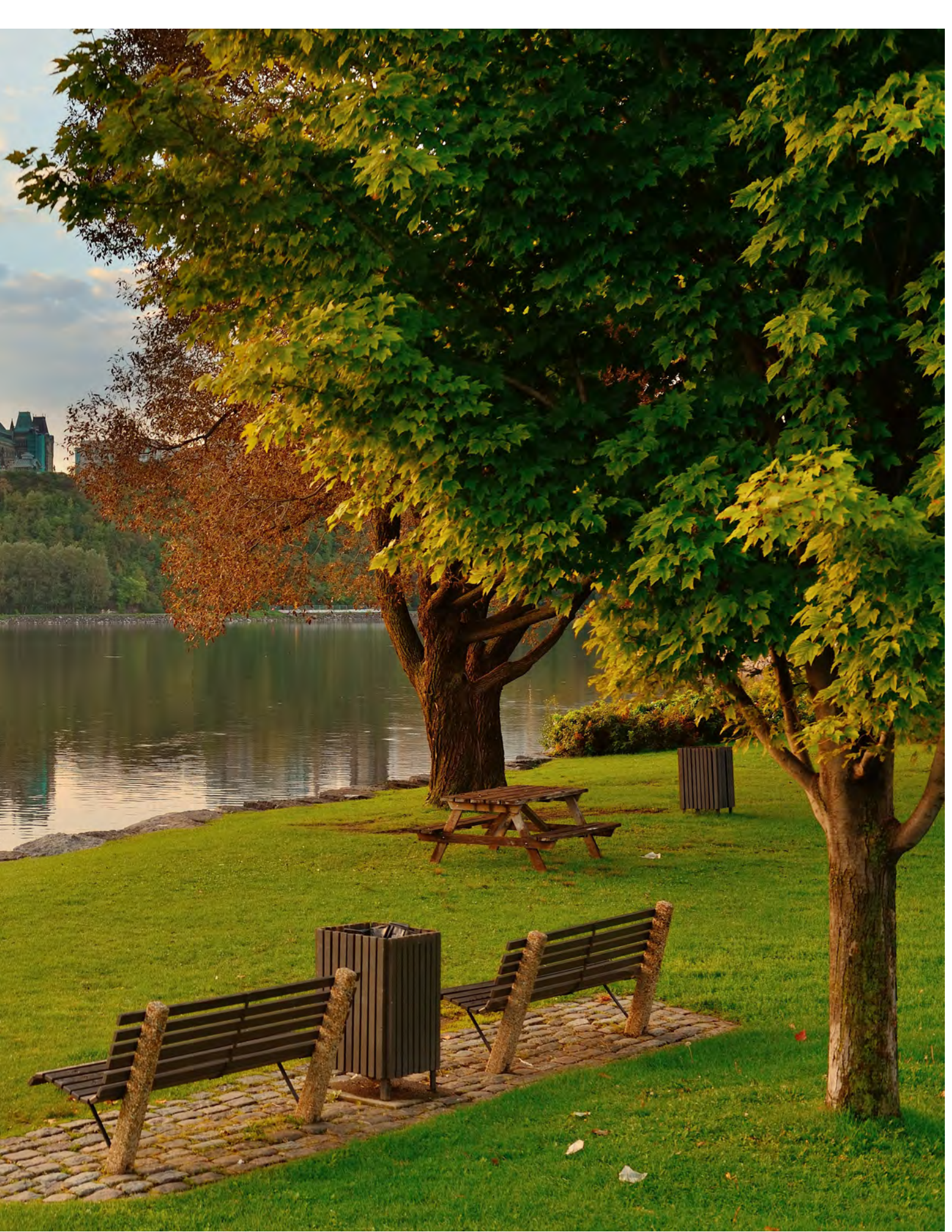
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