

PARKS

SNAPSHOT MEDIANS FOR 2016

6.5%
of a municipality
IS PARKLAND

PRKS125 (COMMUNITY IMPACT)



it costs
\$10,800/hectare
\$69.82/resident
to operate parkland

PRKS315 (EFFICIENCY); PRKS230M (SERVICE LEVEL)

KEEP IN MIND:

Influencing Factors

Influencing factors can create variances in comparison data from year-to-year and from municipality-to-municipality.



Demographics & Community Use

Operating costs vary through demand on resources by the community



Geography

Varying topography affects the number of hectares



Maintenance Levels

Level of management applied to natural areas in parks



Mix of Maintained & Natural Parkland

Costs of maintained parkland are typically more costly than natural areas



Service Standards

Amenities available, park maintenance standards and sports field classes



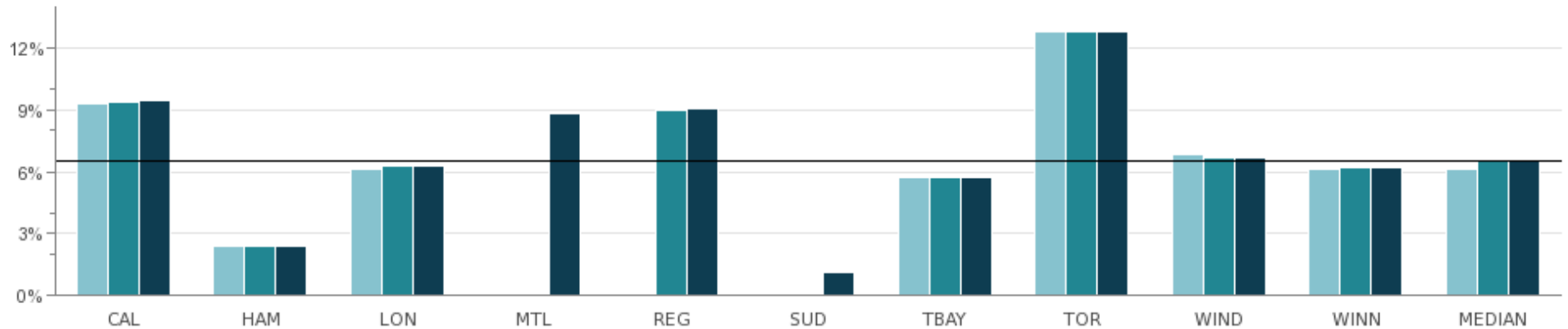
Weather Conditions

Operating costs vary per season and changes in weather

For a full description of influencing factors, please go to: www.mbncanada.ca

Fig. 22.1 All Parkland in Municipality as a Percent of Total Area of Municipality

Municipalities with a predominantly urban form may find it more difficult to establish new or expand existing parks within the developed core area.



Municipality	2014	2015	2016
CAL	9.3%	9.4%	9.5%
HAM	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
LON	6.1%	6.3%	6.3%
MTL	N/A	N/A	8.8%
REG	N/A	9.0%	9.1%
SUD	N/A	N/A	1.1%
TBAY	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%
TOR	12.8%	12.8%	12.8%
WIND	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%
WINN	6.1%	6.2%	6.2%
MEDIAN	6.1%	6.5%	6.5%

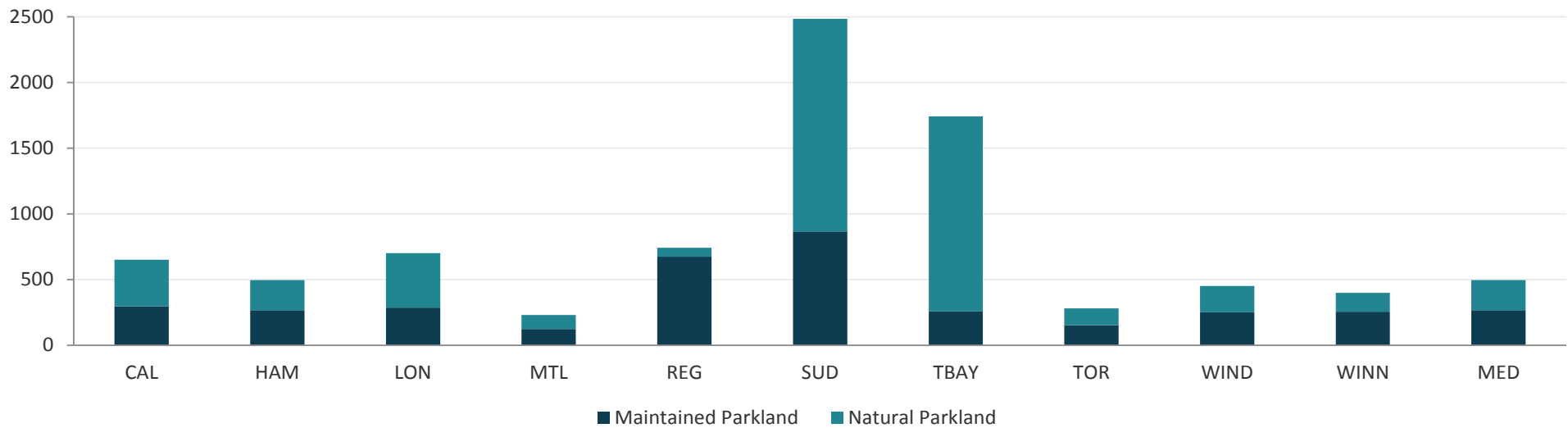
Source: PRKS125 (Community Impact)

Fig. 22.2 Hectares of Maintained and Natural Parkland per 100,000 Population

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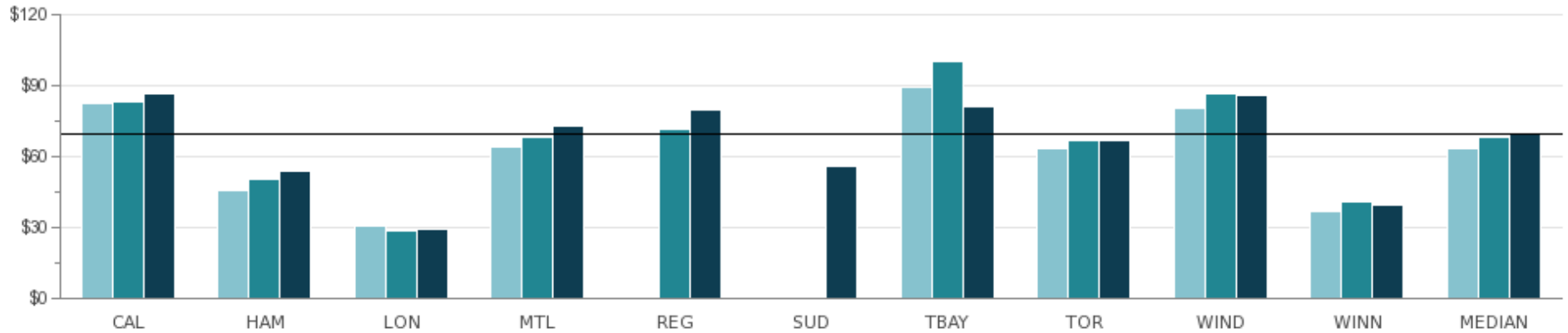
There is little to no change in the number of hectares reported year over year, therefore only 2016 data is presented.



Maintained	295	267	287	124	674	866	257	153	252	255	267
Natural	355	228	413	106	67	1,617	1,485	128	198	144	228
Total	650	495	700	230	741	2,483	1,742	281	450	399	650

Source: PRKS205 (Service Level); PRKS210 (Service Level); PRKS215 (Service Level)

Fig. 22.3 Operating Cost of Parks per Person



2014	\$82.72	\$45.93	\$30.39	\$63.98	N/A	N/A	\$89.24	\$63.49	\$80.72	\$36.88	\$63.74
2015	\$83.14	\$50.32	\$28.58	\$67.89	\$71.63	N/A	\$100.16	\$66.52	\$86.53	\$40.72	\$67.89
2016	\$86.35	\$53.72	\$29.49	\$73.11	\$79.52	\$55.98	\$81.43	\$66.53	\$85.77	\$39.51	\$69.82

Source: PRKS230M (Service Level)

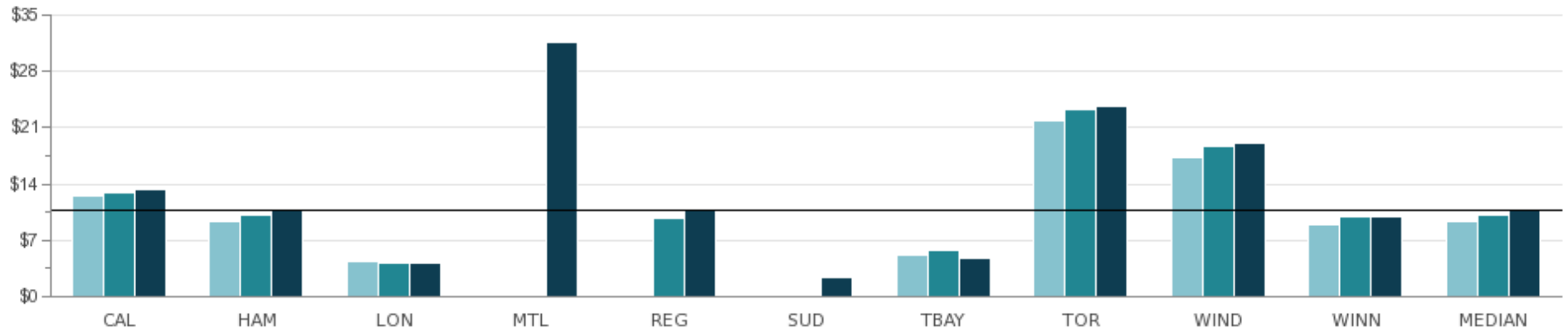
Fig. 22.4 Operating Cost per Hectare - Maintained and Natural Parkland

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The higher the population density per hectare of parkland is – the greater the number of users, resulting in increased costs. Maintained parks tend to have higher maintenance standards and levels of maintenance activity such as the frequency of grass cutting, fertilizing, weed and pest control, than natural areas. In addition, differences in service standards established for maintained parks and variations in level of management applied to natural areas affect the results.

(In Thousands)



2014	\$12,594	\$9,238	\$4,408	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,146	\$21,897	\$17,387	\$8,947	\$9,238
2015	\$12,897	\$10,199	\$4,117	N/A	\$9,642	N/A	\$5,776	\$23,240	\$18,639	\$9,934	\$10,067
2016	\$13,272	\$10,868	\$4,212	\$31,672	\$10,731	\$2,255	\$4,677	\$23,642	\$19,027	\$9,905	\$10,800

Source: PRKS315 (Efficiency)

