

# PARKS

## SNAPSHOT MEDIANS FOR 2017



**6.5%**  
of a municipality  
IS PARKLAND

PRKS125 (COMMUNITY IMPACT)



**HECTARES OF  
PARKLAND  
per 100,000  
population = 652**

PRKS215 (SERVICE LEVEL)



**It costs  
\$11,058  
per hectare  
to operate  
parkland**

PRKS315 (EFFICIENCY)



**It costs  
\$67.28/resident  
to operate parkland**

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*



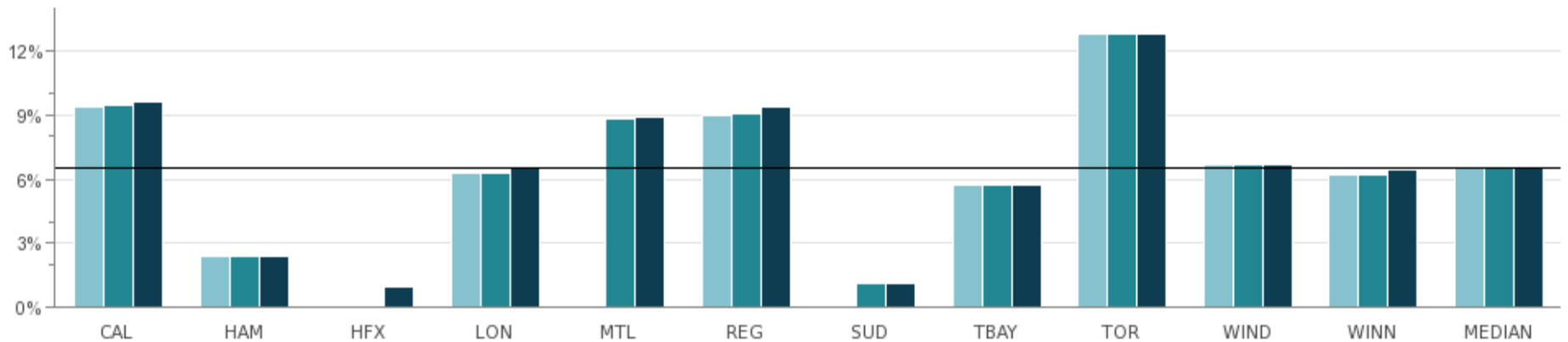
### Weather Conditions

*Operating costs vary per season and changes in weather*

*For a full description of influencing factors, please go to: [www.mbncanada.ca](http://www.mbncanada.ca)*

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

This measure reflects all parkland (natural and maintained) as a percentage of a municipality's total area. While some municipalities with a predominantly urban form may find it more difficult to establish new or expand existing parks within their developed core area, others with larger geographic areas of unsettled lands may have small percentages of parkland. These account for the differences in the results.



2015	9.4%	2.4%	N/A	6.3%	N/A	9.0%	N/A	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.2%	6.5%
2016	9.5%	2.4%	N/A	6.3%	8.8%	9.1%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.2%	6.5%
2017	9.6%	2.4%	0.9%	6.5%	8.9%	9.4%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.4%	6.5%

Source: PRKS125 (Community Impact)

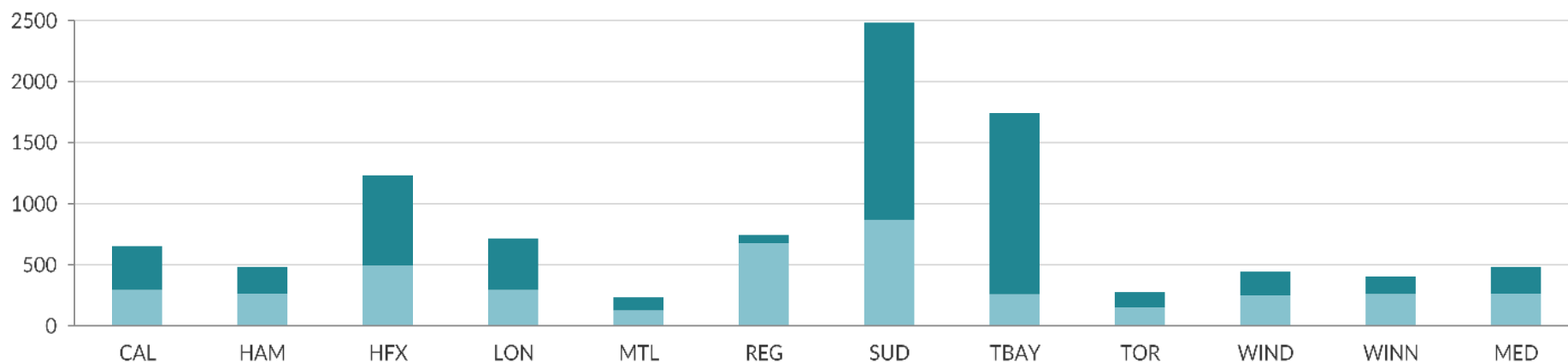
Halifax: A very large geographic area containing vast areas of crown land and lakes yields a very small percentage of parkland.

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

**Maintained Parkland:** Includes hectares where the municipality is responsible for the direct and non-recoverable costs (should incur costs) to maintain, and are available for public use. This could include hectares owned by the municipality or school boards (if a reciprocal agreement is in place), and/or those leased from third parties (through a formal lease agreement), as long as they are made available for public use.

**Natural Parkland:** Includes forests, meadows, storm water management buffer areas above the waterline (unless they are maintained to a high standard) which are lands surrounding ponds, and rivers if these areas are part of the trail system or open space system which are available for public use.

There is little to no change in the number of hectares reported year over year, therefore only 2017 data is presented.

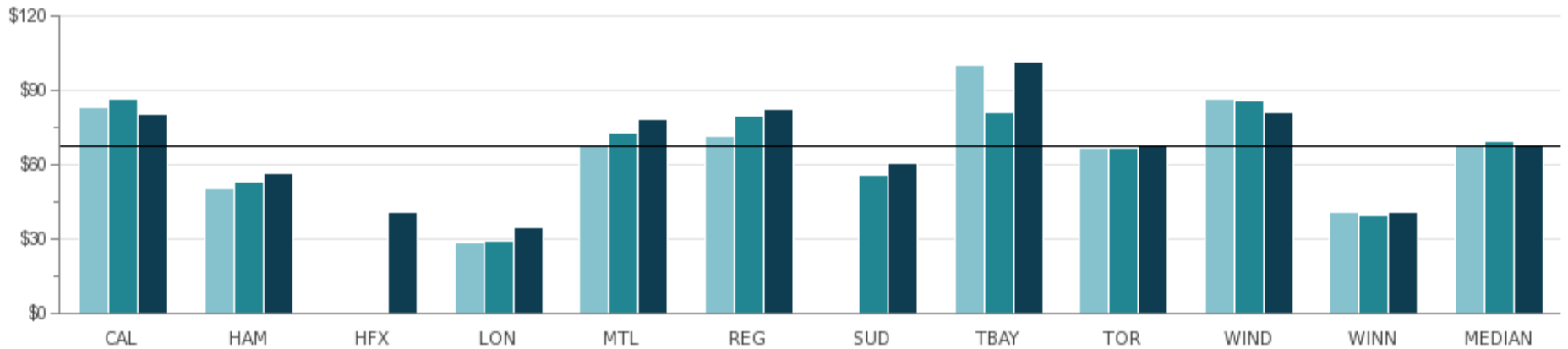


Maintained	293	262	494	293	127	677	866	257	150	248	260	262
Natural	359	220	737	422	107	67	1,617	1,485	126	195	144	220
Total	652	482	1,231	715	233	744	2,483	1,741	276	444	403	652

Source: PRKS205 (Service Level); PARKS210 (Service Level); PARKS215 (Service Level)

**Fig. 22.3 Operating Cost of Parks per Person**

This measure reflects the operating cost to maintain parkland. Maintained parkland includes hectares where the municipality is responsible for the direct and non-recoverable costs (should incur costs) to maintain; and which are available for public use. This could include hectares owned by the municipality or school boards (if a reciprocal agreement is in place), and/or those leased from other third parties (through a formal lease agreement), as long as they are made available for public use. Natural parkland includes: forests, meadows, storm water management buffer areas above the waterline (unless they are maintained to a high standard) which are lands surrounding ponds and rivers if these areas are part of the trail system or open space system. These hectares include those for which the municipality is responsible for the costs (should incur costs) of maintaining and which are available for public use.



2015	\$83.14	\$50.32	N/A	\$28.58	\$67.89	\$71.63	N/A	\$100.16	\$66.52	\$86.53	\$40.72	\$67.89
2016	\$86.35	\$53.24	N/A	\$29.49	\$73.11	\$79.52	\$55.98	\$81.43	\$66.53	\$85.77	\$39.51	\$69.82
2017	\$80.79	\$56.90	\$41.05	\$35.00	\$78.29	\$82.25	\$60.97	\$101.93	\$67.28	\$81.50	\$40.94	\$67.28

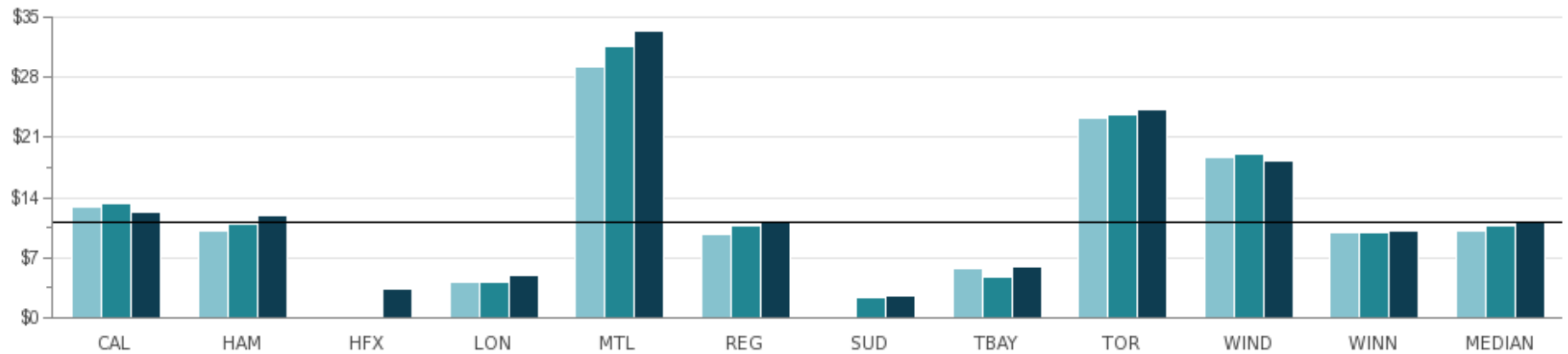
Source: PRKS230M (Service Level)

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

Refer to Fig. 22.2 for description of maintained and natural parkland.

This measure includes the operating cost for Maintained and Natural Parkland that the municipality is responsible to maintain and are available for public use. The higher the population density per hectare of parkland is – the greater the number of users, resulting in increased costs. Maintained parks have higher maintenance standards and levels of maintenance activity 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)



2015	\$12,897	\$10,199	N/A	\$4,117	\$29,359	\$9,642	N/A	\$5,776	\$23,240	\$18,639	\$9,934	\$10,199
2016	\$13,272	\$10,868	N/A	\$4,212	\$31,672	\$10,731	\$2,255	\$4,677	\$23,642	\$19,027	\$9,905	\$10,800
2017	\$12,400	\$11,808	\$3,335	\$4,895	\$33,549	\$11,058	\$2,456	\$5,854	\$24,351	\$18,372	\$10,148	\$11,058

Source: PRKS315 (Efficiency)

