

# PARKS



## VALUE PROPOSITION

*I expect to have access to safe parks and natural areas that meet my recreational and leisure needs, support health and well-being, protect the environment and offer opportunities to connect me to nature and others in my community.*

### 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

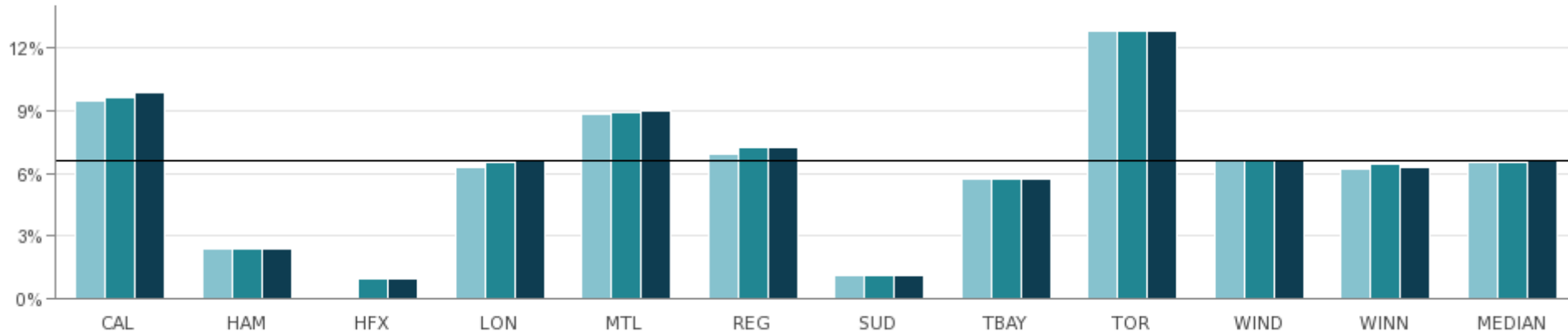
*Operating costs vary per season and changes in weather*

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

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**Figure 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.



2016	9.5%	2.4%	N/A	6.3%	8.8%	6.9%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.2%	6.5%
2017	9.6%	2.4%	0.9%	6.5%	8.9%	7.2%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.4%	6.5%
2018	9.9%	2.4%	0.9%	6.6%	9.0%	7.2%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.3%	6.6%

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.

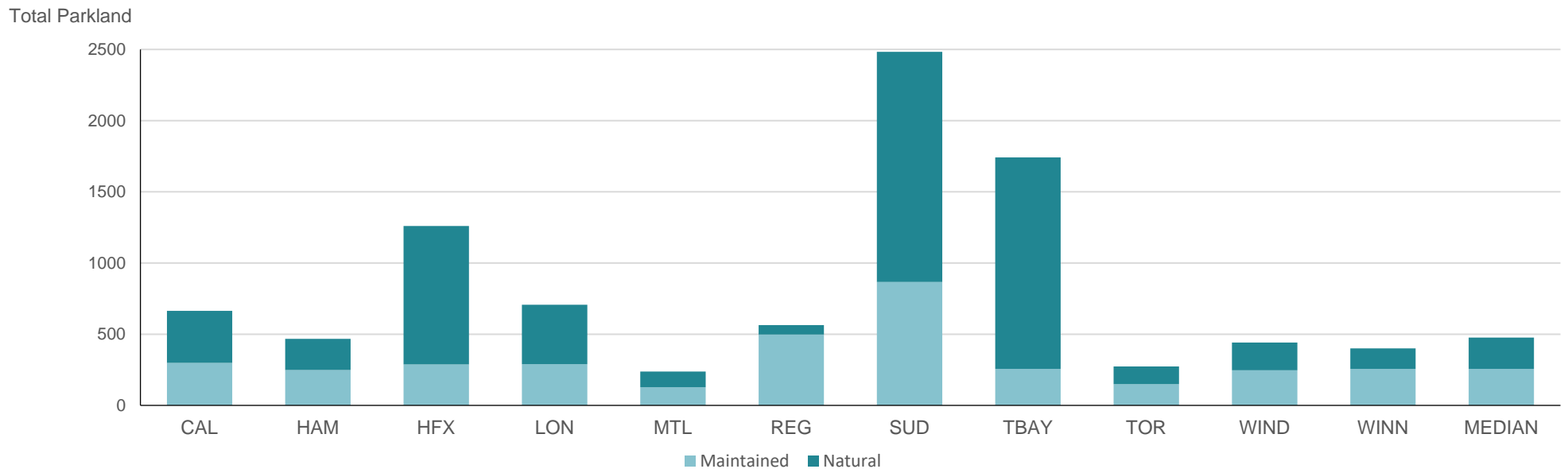
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**Figure 22.2 Hectares of Maintained and Natural Parkland in Municipality per 100,000 Population**

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 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 which are available for public use.

In many cases, there is little to no change in the number of hectares reported year over year, therefore only 2018 data is presented.



Maintained	298	248	288	290	128	498	867	257	149	247	256	257
Natural	365	219	972	417	110	66	1617	1485	125	195	144	219
Total	664	468	1260	707	238	564	2484	1741	274	441	400	564

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

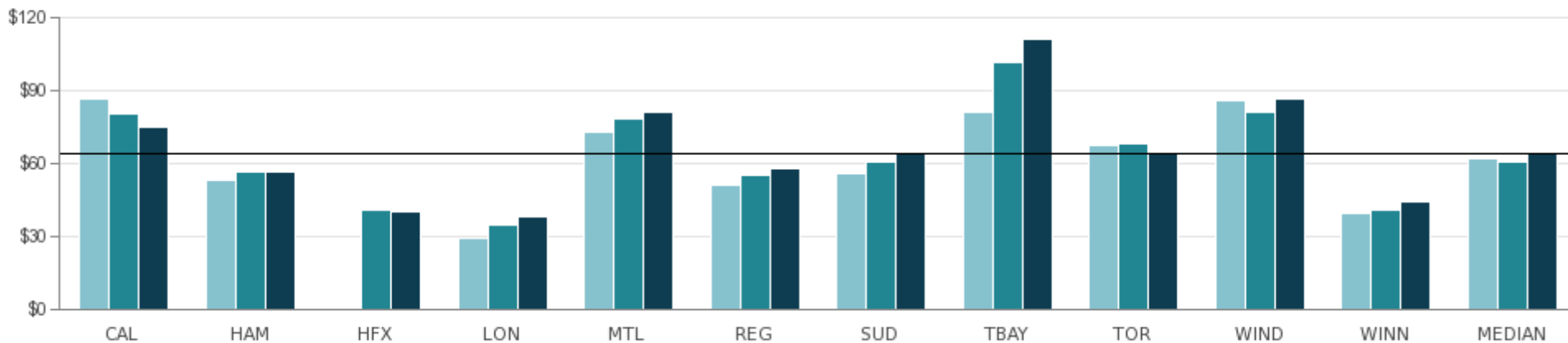
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**Figure 22.3 Operating Cost of Parks per Capita**

This measure reflects the operating cost to maintain parkland.

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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.



2016	\$86.35	\$53.24	N/A	\$29.49	\$73.11	\$51.19	\$55.98	\$81.43	\$67.78	\$85.77	\$39.51	\$61.88
2017	\$80.79	\$56.90	\$41.05	\$35.00	\$78.29	\$55.29	\$60.97	\$101.93	\$68.48	\$81.50	\$40.94	\$60.97
2018	\$74.77	\$56.38	\$40.45	\$38.02	\$81.41	\$57.97	\$64.91	\$111.45	\$64.38	\$86.53	\$44.03	\$64.38

Source: PRKS230 (Service Level) Formerly PRKS230M

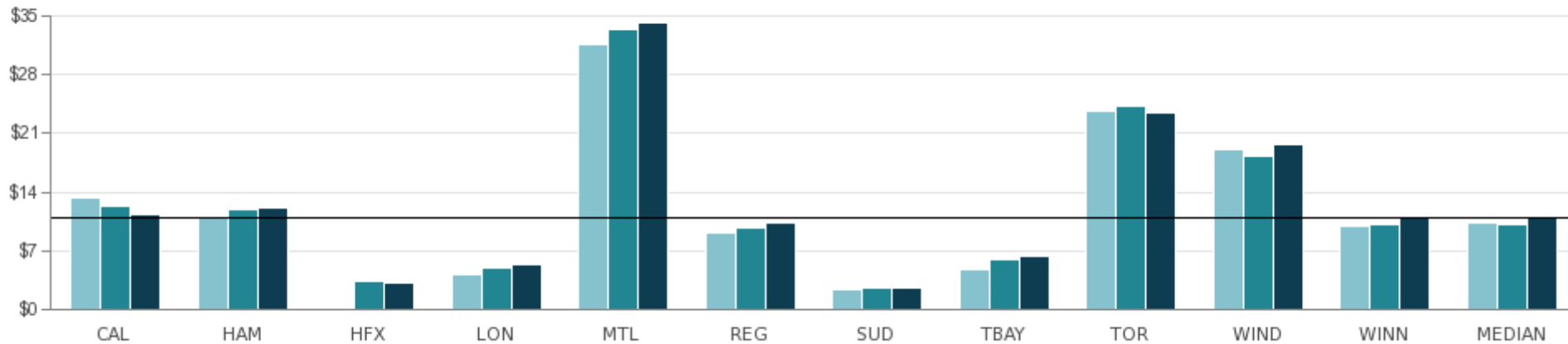
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### Figure 22.4 Operating Cost per Hectare - Maintained and Natural Parkland

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. Differences in service standards established for maintained parks and variations in level of management applied to natural areas affect the results.

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

(In Thousands)



2016	\$13,272	\$10,868	N/A	\$4,212	\$31,672	\$9,090	\$2,255	\$4,677	\$23,642	\$19,027	\$9,905	\$10,387
2017	\$12,400	\$11,808	\$3,335	\$4,895	\$33,549	\$9,696	\$2,456	\$5,854	\$24,351	\$18,372	\$10,148	\$10,148
2018	\$11,265	\$12,059	\$3,210	\$5,375	\$34,226	\$10,277	\$2,614	\$6,401	\$23,505	\$19,611	\$11,004	\$11,004

Source: PRKS315 (Efficiency)