



National
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CANADIAN
ARMED FORCES



FORCES ARMÉES
CANADIENNES

Canada

STRONG SECURE ENGAGED

CANADA'S DEFENCE POLICY

PROTECTION SÉCURITÉ ENGAGEMENT

LA POLITIQUE DE DÉFENSE DU CANADA





Strong. Secure. Engaged: Canada's New Defence Policy



**Putting
People First**



**Long-term
Capability
Investments**



**Spending Growth
and Financial
Transparency**



Bold New Vision



STRONG. SECURE. ENGAGED: AT A GLANCE

STRONG AT HOME

- Enhanced air and maritime surveillance and control, including Arctic
- Concurrent response to multiple domestic emergencies
- Support to counter-terrorism
- Search and rescue support
- Innovative defence sector

SECURE IN NORTH AMERICA

- Modernize NORAD with the US
- Expanded aerospace and maritime domain awareness and control
- Cutting edge defence research

ENGAGED IN THE WORLD

CAF prepared to conduct:

- 2 major sustained deployments
- 1 major time-limited deployment (6-9 months)
- 2 minor sustained and 2 minor time-limited deployments
- 1 DART mission
- 1 Non-combatant Evacuation Operation

DEFENCE FUNDING

Increase defence spending from \$18.9B in 2016-17 to **\$32.7B** by 2026-27

NEW INITIATIVES

Put our People First

New Total Health and Wellness Strategy

Reinvented transition of ill and injured to service/civilian life

Develop a comprehensive military family plan

Grant tax relief for deployed operations

Integrate GBA+ and meet gender & diversity targets

Increase of **3,500** Regular Force for key priorities

Increase of **1,500** Reserve Force – full-time capability through part-time service

Increase of **1,150** civilians to support operations

Invest in the Future Force

Rebuild core capabilities: 88 advanced fighter aircraft, 15 surface combatants, 2 joint support ships, 5-6 Arctic offshore patrol ships

Increase emerging capabilities in cyber, space, and remotely piloted vehicles to maintain effectiveness and interoperability with allies

Capability enhancements, including intelligence, satellite communications, surveillance and logistics

Modernize the Business of Defence

A transformative innovation agenda with defence research clusters linked to procurement

More accountable, transparent, and streamlined defence procurement process

Reduced carbon footprint through green infrastructure and focus on energy efficiency

Modernized infrastructure management through expanded partnership with the private sector



A Complex and Unpredictable Security Environment

IMPLICATIONS OF A CHANGING GLOBAL CONTEXT – CANADA MUST:

- *Promote peace and stability abroad to maintain security at home*
- *Have a well-educated, flexible, diverse, combat-ready military capable of conducting a wide range of operations*
- *Develop sophisticated awareness of the operating environment and the human dimension of conflict to better predict and respond to crises*
- *Develop advanced capabilities to keep pace with allies and potential adversaries*
- *Bolster its ability to respond to increasingly severe natural disasters at home and abroad*
- *Continue to be a responsible, value-added partner with NORAD, NATO and Five Eyes*
- *Balance traditional relationships with the need to engage emerging powers*
- *Address threats stemming from terrorism and the actions of violent extremist organizations, including in ungoverned spaces*
- *Enhance its ability to operate in the North and work closely with allies and partners*
- *Work closely together with the US on NORAD modernization to defend North America*





*A New Canadian Vision for Defence: **STRONG, SECURE, ENGAGED.***

STRONG at home



- Steadfast defence of Canada
- Rapid disaster response
- Effective search and rescue
- Enhanced presence in the Arctic
- Innovative defence sector

SECURE in North America



- Continuous watch over Canadian air and sea approaches
- Modern and effective NORAD
- Strong defence relationship with the U.S.
- Cutting edge defence research

ENGAGED in the world



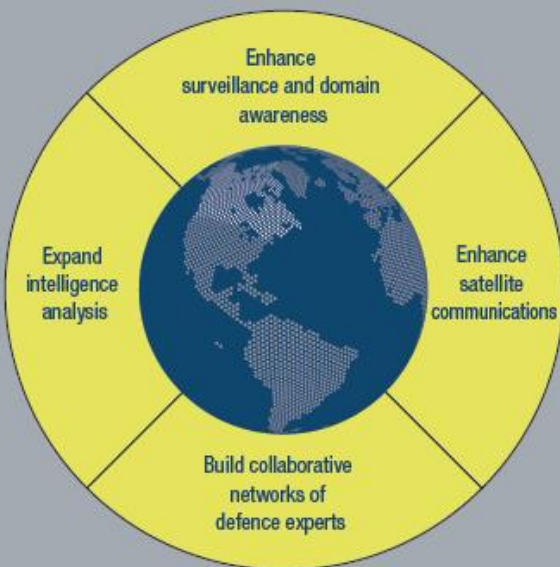
- Robust commitment to NATO, UN and Coalitions
- Support to Canadian interests and humanitarian assistance
- Improved early warning
- Integrated capacity building with partners

**AGILE, COMBAT READY CANADIAN ARMED FORCES
AND RESILIENT PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**



A New Canadian Approach: ANTICIPATE, ADAPT, ACT.

ANTICIPATE



... to better understand threats and challenges

ADAPT



New Technology



Strong Workforce



Innovative Ideas



Improve Use of Space and Cyber Capabilities

Support People and Families

Innovative Solutions to Defence Challenges

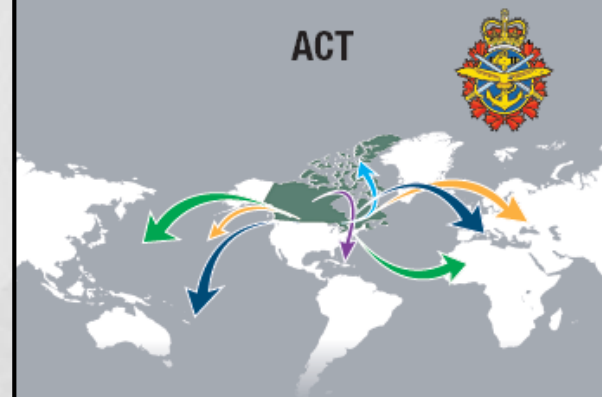
Streamline Procurement

Enhance Reserve Force

Infrastructure Renewal and Greening

... to a changing environment

ACT



CANADIAN ARMED FORCES MISSIONS

Detect, Deter and Defend Against Threats to Canada

Lead/Contribute Forces to NATO/Coalition Efforts

Response to Intl and Domestic Disasters/Major Emergencies

Engage in Capacity Building

Detect, Deter and Defend Against Threats to North America

Lead/Contribute Forces to International Peace Operations

Assistance to Civil Authorities/Law Enforcement

Conduct Search and Rescue

... with decisive military capability across 8 core missions, with modern equipment and highly trained personnel



Engaging in the Asia Pacific

- The Asia Pacific's security and prosperity is integral to Canada's own.
- Canada seeks to play an increasingly active role in the region's security architecture.
- Canada will increase its engagement with its regional partners, both bilaterally and through ASEAN fora such as the ARF.
- New policy also explicitly highlights Canada's desire to gain membership to ADMM+.



A New Vision for the Reserve Force (1/2)

- The Reserve Force is an integral component of the Canadian Armed Forces
- The Reserve Force has a long history of making important contributions to Canadian Armed Forces operations, working side-by-side with the Regular Force (e.g., Afghanistan)
- Reserve units are located across Canada and Reservists come from all walks of life bringing a diverse range of backgrounds, expertise and knowledge to the military
- Defence Policy Review consultations and analysis made it clear that the Reserve Force was not meeting its operational potential and fundamental changes would be needed to maximize its operational contribution to the Forces



A New Vision for the Reserve Force (2/2)

- Through *Strong, Secure, Engaged*, the Canadian Armed Forces will:
 - Assign new roles to the Reserves, achieving “full-time capability through part-time service.” New roles will include:
 - Light Urban Search and Rescue
 - CBRN Defence
 - Combat Capabilities (e.g., direct fire, mortar)
 - Cyber Operations
 - Intelligence Operators
 - Naval Security
 - Linguists
- Employ the Reserve Force to deliver select expeditionary roles such as capacity building
- Implement an agile service model that supports transition between full- and part-time service
- Align the benefits for the Reserves with those of the Regular Force and offer full-time summer employment



ANNEX A



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Putting People First

People are the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) most valuable asset – highly skilled and well-supported personnel are at the core of Canada's new defence policy

+ 3,500 Regular Force
(71,500 total)

+ 1,500 Reserve Force
(30,000 total)

+ 1,150 Civilians
(approx. 25,000 total)

Additional capacity and flexibility to sustain operations, support new priorities and deliver on new investments

\$198.2 M for a new Total Health and Wellness Strategy

200 new Medical Services Branch personnel

Establish 1,200 personnel strong CAF Transition Group

\$6 M/year to enhance support for military families

Well-supported personnel and families enhance operational output and deliver on our responsibility to our people

25% women in CAF by 2026

Tax-free Pay for International Operations

Significantly reduced enrollment times

Comprehensive retention strategy

CAF able to recruit, train and retain highly skilled Canadians, fully take advantage of Canada's diverse population, and meet the personnel needs of modern military



Grow the Force



Enhance Care and Support



Improve Recruitment, Training, Retention



ANNEX B



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Stable, Predictable, Realistic Funding

Strong, Secure, Engaged is **affordable, achievable**, and has been informed by a **rigorous, evidence-based analysis** of Canada's defence needs and the resources required to effectively deliver upon them over a 20-year horizon.

Defence spending will grow from \$18.9 billion to **\$32.7 billion** in 2026-27, an increase of more than 70%

\$62.3 billion in new funding over 20 years for **\$553 billion** total defence spending

\$47.2 billion over 20 years for 52 critical new equipment, infrastructure and information technology projects

By 2024-25, defence spending will grow to **1.4% of GDP**. Defence expenditure spent on major equipment will also reach **32%**, significantly exceeding the NATO target of 20%.



ANNEX C



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Reinvesting in and Modernizing Core Capability



- 15 Canadian Surface Combatants
- 2 Joint Support Ships
- 5-6 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships
- Modernized Victoria-class submarines
- Enhanced naval intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, upgraded armaments, systems for future platforms



- Light Forces Modernization
- LAV mobility and survivability
- Modernized logistics and heavy engineering vehicles; C-IED
- Replace armoured combat support vehicles
- Ground-based air defence
- Enhanced ability to operate in remote regions
- Arctic mobility enhancements



- 88 new advanced fighter aircraft
- Next generation multi-mission aircraft (CP-140 replacement)
- Next generation air-to-air tanker-transport
- Replace utility transport aircraft
- Range of remotely piloted systems
- Space capabilities (global satellite communications, surveillance of space, ISR)

Joint Capabilities

- Joint command and control systems and communications
- Joint signals intelligence
- Improved joint deployable HQ and signals regiment
- Improved crypto, info ops and cyber capabilities
- Improved Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive detection and response capabilities

Special Operations Forces

- Next generation integrated soldier system, land and maritime mobility and fighting vehicle platforms
- Modernized C4
- Airborne ISR platforms
- Recapitalize commercial pattern armoured vehicles