Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat — Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor du Canada

Canada

Directory of Federal Real Property (DFRP)

Presentation to the Emergency Management Geomatics Community of Practice (EMGCP)

February 11, 2026

What is the DFRP?

Federal real estate is at the heart of everything that the Government of Canada does

The **DFRP is a central record of basic information** that is used to keep the Government of Canada (GC) informed about the scale and major components of its real property inventory

- It includes an inventory of around **21,000 properties** and **39,000 buildings**

- The GC also manages approximately **20,000 engineering assets**[1], which are **not reported in the DFRP**

[1] Source: TBS Horizontal Fixed Asset Review, published in 2021
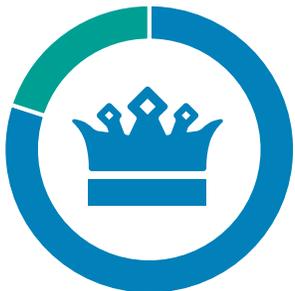
Did you know? (1 of 2)

Let's look at how the portfolio is distributed geographically

28M

The Government of Canada's building inventory consists of 28 million square metres (sq m) of **floor area**
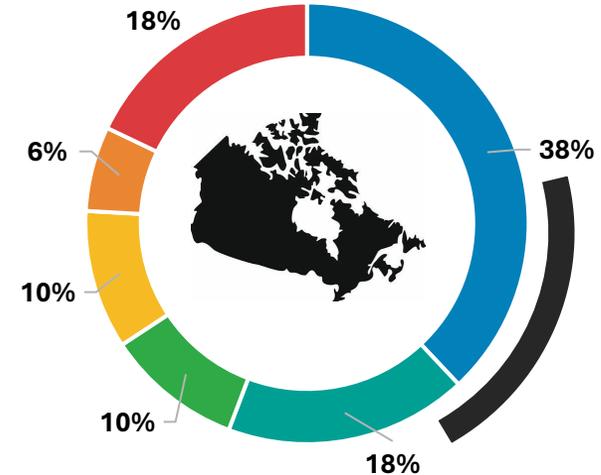
96% is located **within Canada**, and **4%** is **outside of Canada**

80% is **Crown owned**, and **20%** is **leased**

This portfolio is **distributed across densely populated urban centres and northern, rural and remote communities** in Canada as well as **major cities around the world**

- Ontario
- Quebec
- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Nova Scotia
- All other

18%

6%

38%

10%

10%

18%

Within Canada, **24%** of the portfolio is in the **National Capital Region**

**FIVE LARGEST PROVINCES/TERRITORIES** (% sq m)

Who are the key players?

Understanding the roles of key contributors to the DFRP helps clarify how federal real property data is collected, governed, maintained, and used across government

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS) administers the DFRP and supports federal custodians in meeting their reporting requirements

Federal custodians are responsible for the management of real property within their organizations and reporting their information to the DFRP

Consumers of the data rely on the DFRP to support analysis, decision-making, and transparency across government and the public
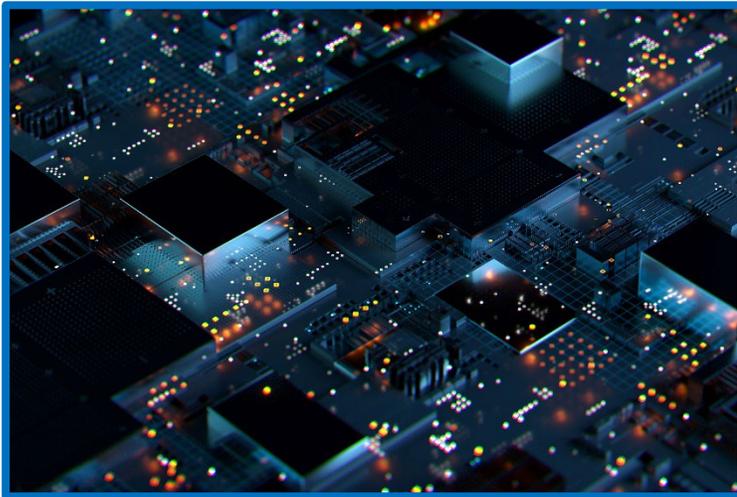
What does it include?

The DFRP brings together core data, spatial information, and images to provide a complete and accurate picture of federal real property assets
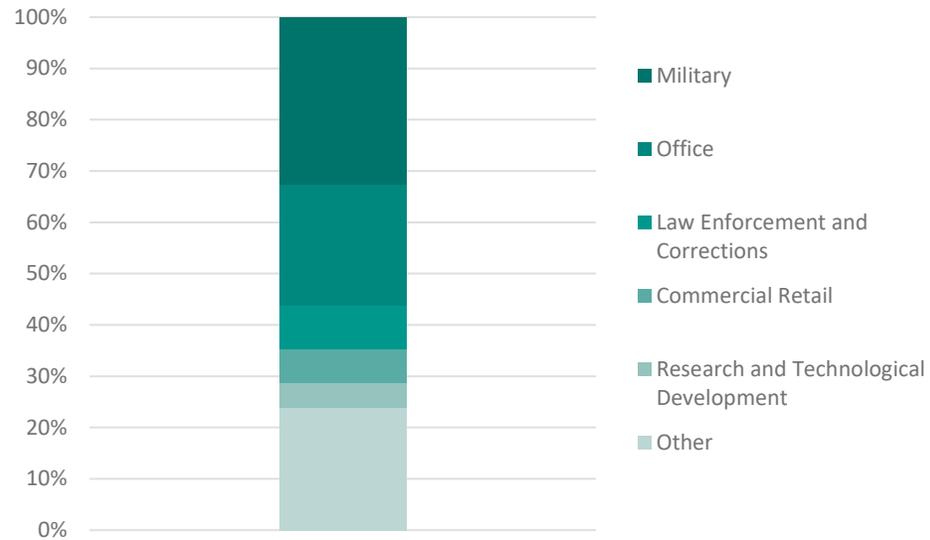

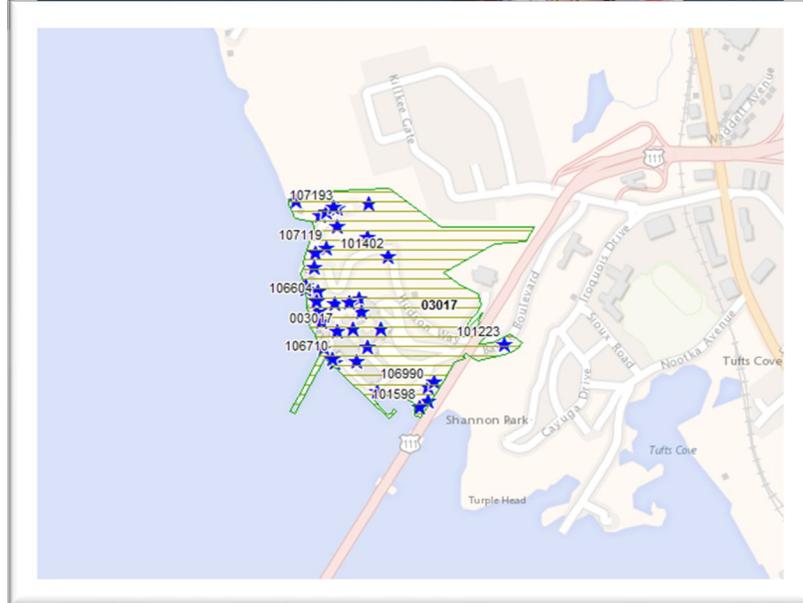| Interest	Crown Owned
Restriction:	No Restriction
Primary Use:	Fisheries Research and Management
Address:	125 Marine Science Drive
Place Name:	Brandy Cove
Municipality:	Saint Andrews
Province/Territory:	New Brunswick
Federal Electoral District:	New Brunswick Southwest
Coordinates	45.085444, -67.082483, Accu
Census Classification	Rural
Land Area:	47.2600 ha
Building Count:	18
Floor Area:	14,007 sq. m.
Exterior Parking:	178 spaces
Interior Parking:	0 spaces

Did you know? (2 of 2)

Here's how the portfolio relates to program activities

In total, these **5 primary property** uses account for almost **70% of the government's real property portfolio**, representing 19 million sq m of the total floor area


Legend:
- Military
- Office
- Law Enforcement and Corrections
- Commercial Retail
- Research and Technological Development
- Other

PRIMARY USE (% sq m)

Bedford Institute of Oceanography (DFO)
Halifax, NS

Where does the geospatial data come from?

Various tools are available to help custodians manage their geospatial data

Secure DFRP > (user authentication required)

102 Long...
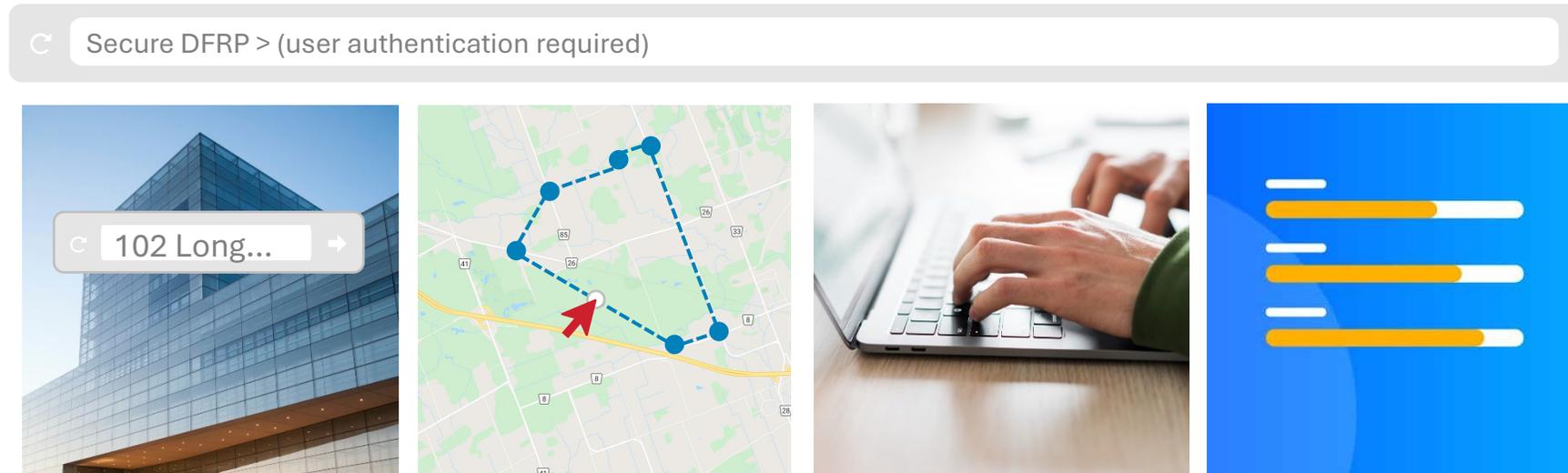
Address lookup

Users can enter a street address and return the latitude and longitude values of the desired location

Map editor

The online map editor lets users create or modify geometry in real time

Coordinates entry

Users can enter point or polygon coordinates in decimal degrees; degrees, minutes, seconds; or using Well-Known Text

File upload

Users can upload a single MapInfo or ESRI file directly or provide a batch file to TBS by email

Data integrity

Built-in rules help custodians ensure their geospatial data is complete and accurate

- **Points and polygons** are the only acceptable geometry types (i.e. geometry collection, linetype, and multi-point not allowed)

- Polygons must be provided **based on the size and location** of the property

- **Polygons are not allowed to overlap**, except in certain situations. For instance, a leased property may overlap the Crown owned land reported by the custodian.

How accurate is the data?

Data accuracy reflects the ongoing efforts of federal custodians to keep DFRP information current throughout the year

Canada.ca

Custodians are required to update the DFRP **within 90 days of any change** and **attest annually** to the completeness and accuracy of their data[1]

Almost **13,000 records** were updated in 2025, representing approximately **21% of the federal buildings and lands** inventory

The DFRP is **not an official real property registry.** While we work to keep the information accurate, **it should be used for reference only.** It is not a substitute for official property records or legal advice.

Sensitive or protected federal properties can be **partially or fully withheld from public display**

How is the data used?

This data is important because it guides decision-making, supports strategic initiatives, and enhances the overall transparency of the Government of Canada

informs senior officials on the state of the federal portfolio

advances policy initiatives

supports review of **Treasury Board submissions**

responds to **public inquiries, media requests, ATIPs, and audits**

supports **horizontal initiatives** like the Risk and Compliance Process (RCP) and the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP)

links to other TBS enterprise applications like the Federal Contaminated Sites Inventory (FCSI) and the Government of Canada Enterprise Portfolio Management (GC-EPM) systems

used by **public and private sector** in support of their program activities

supports **critical government services** (i.e., availability of data for emergency response planning)

Emergency management

The DFRP helps support critical government services (i.e., availability of data for emergency response planning)

- **Locating federal assets** affected by floods/wildfires

- Determining **proximity to hazards** (contaminated sites, critical infrastructure)

- Supporting **federal coordination** (e.g., Public Safety, PSPC, RCMP, DND, NRCan)

- **Evacuation planning** (federal staff & public services)
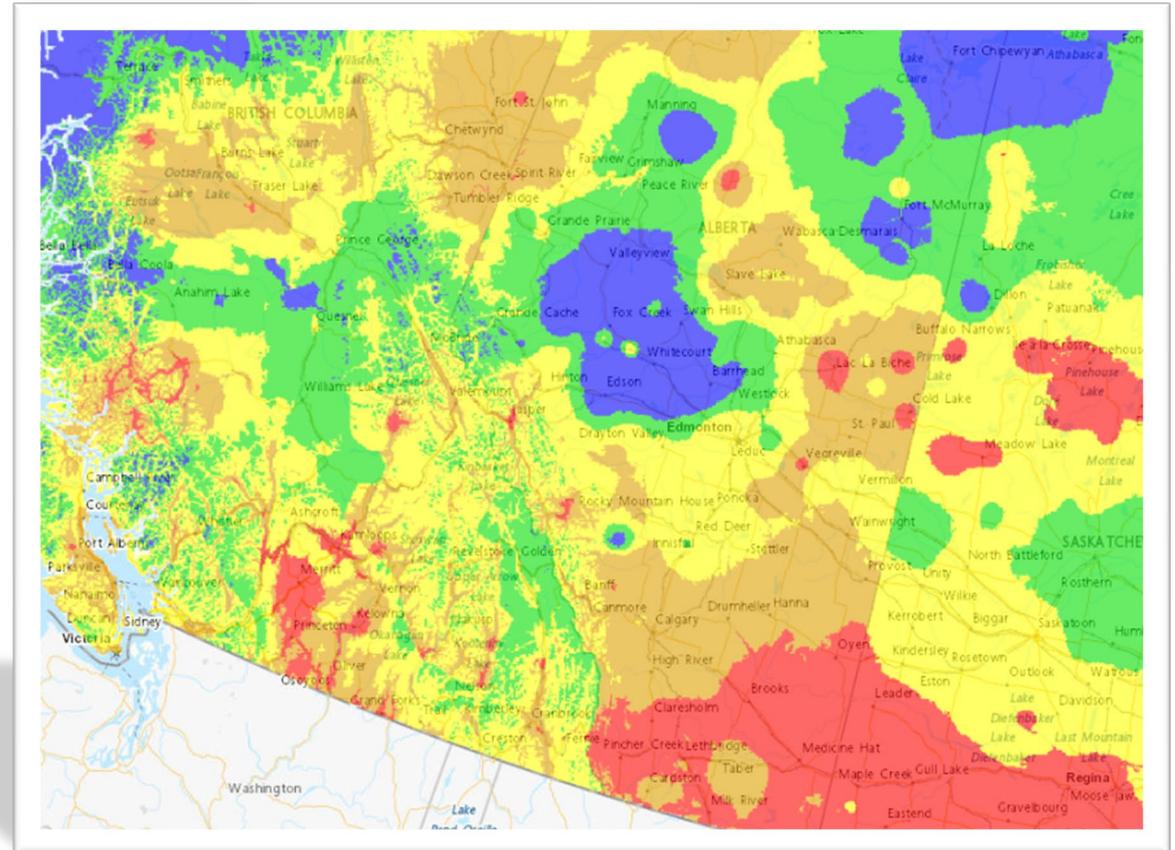
How can you access the data?

DFRP data is accessible through public search tools and open datasets, ensuring that federal real property information is easy to find, use, and share

What's next?

As part of our commitment to continual improvement, TBS administers minor system updates throughout the year

System Update

System Update

System Update

Departmental Updates

Survey

Certification

Winter

Fall

Where can you go for more information?

Clear points of contact within federal organizations help ensure questions, corrections, and issues related to the DFRP are addressed quickly and accurately

For questions about an organization's real property portfolio or specific assets, please contact the official representative listed for that organization in the DFRP.

If you notice incorrect information, please contact the official representative so it can be corrected.

Official representatives are listed on each property and building page, as well as on the **Official Contacts** page.

To report a technical issue or to obtain additional information regarding the DFRP, please contact DFRP-ADMIN-RBIF@tbs-sct.gc.ca.

DFRP-ADMIN-RBIF@tbs-sct.gc.ca