

# National Program for the Grave Sites of Canadian Prime Ministers

Canada has been blessed by able and dynamic prime ministers who have developed a vision for our nation and its place in the world. Their public careers have had a profound impact on our history and evolution as a country. In recognition of this contribution, our deceased prime ministers have been designated as persons of national historic significance. In addition, to acknowledge their important role, in 1999 the Government of Canada announced a program designed to protect and honour the grave sites of our Canadian prime ministers.

The objective of the National Program for the Grave Sites of Canadian Prime Ministers is to ensure that the grave sites are conserved and recognized in a respectful and dignified manner. Another important objective of the program is to provide Canadians with information on the lives and accomplishments of each former prime minister, as well as the locations of their final resting places.

The following elements are part of the program:

the preparation, in association with the family and the cemetery, of comprehensive conservation plans for each grave site to ensure that the sites are conserved for the future;

the installation of a Canadian flag at each grave site, as well as an information panel on the life and accomplishments of the prime minister, subject to the approval of the family and cemetery authorities;

the organization of a ceremony at each grave site to commemorate our deceased prime ministers;

the preparation of this brochure to highlight the contributions of our prime ministers and to increase the awareness of their grave sites;

the establishment of a website with links to National Historic Sites of Canada that commemorate prime ministers, as well as to other prime ministers' web sites.

