

# CANADA C3

## AN EPIC JOURNEY TO CELEBRATE CANADA AND CONNECT CANADIANS



Canada C3 is a Signature Project for Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation in 2017. The centerpiece was an epic 150-day sailing journey from Toronto to Victoria via the Northwest Passage. Through this unprecedented journey, Canada C3 is celebrating our environment, sharing the stories of coastal communities and connecting Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

Honoring the past and looking towards the future, Canada C3 is exploring the four key themes of Canada 150: Diversity and Inclusion, Reconciliation, Youth Engagement and the Environment.

Local heroes, innovative projects and close-knit communities across the country are undertaking creative initiatives within these four themes and actively building a prosperous future for Canada. Canada C3 showcased these inspiring heroes, projects and communities from Atlantic to Arctic to Pacific.

The Canada C3 journey is giving Canadians new perspectives, triggering unexpected connections and sparking fresh ideas on how to build a better Canada.



*Prescott Briefing*

To reflect the diversity of our country, a diverse group of remarkable Canadians were invited on board, including scientists, artists, Indigenous Elders, historians, community leaders, youth, journalists and educators. Once a participant boards the Canada C3 vessel, they became the eyes and ears of the rest of Canada. Using art, music, research and storytelling, participants elevated our collective knowledge and helped to build human connections.

As our ship travelled from coast to coast to coast, more and more Canadians added their voices to Canada C3 through our events in coastal communities, cross-Canada Museum Hubs, interactive map, live video and more.

Through contributions from every corner of the country, all ages and all walks of life, Canada C3 became a meeting place and platform that led to long-lasting and meaningful connections, understanding, stories, art, music, scientific research and many important legacies for generations to come.

### 3 COASTS. 15 LEGS. 150 DAYS.

Canada C3's epic 150-day expedition navigated over 12,000 nautical miles traveling from Toronto to Victoria via the Northwest Passage. That is 23,000 kilometers at sea, exploring Canada from



Leona Humchitt showing location of ship



coast to coast to coast, over five months. The expedition was divided into 15 legs ranging from seven to 12 days, each leg bringing a new group of participants on board to connect with communities and Canadians. Sharing experiences, stories and adventures, every day included growth and celebration of Canada's past, present and future.

### THE CANADA C3 SHIP FEATURES A LEGACY ROOM

This room was created for the Canada C3 Expedition as an intentional and safe space to discuss reconciliation and reconcili-ACTION. The Legacy Room idea was conceived by Nova Scotia Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief Morley Googoo, who partnered with the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund to create this national call to action to organizations to create space for reconciliation.

Intention: The Legacy Room is for everyone – it's yours, mine and ours. Our Legacy Room is a place that invites and supports ceremony and helps shape the protocol for the Canada C3 journey. It is intended to provide space to conduct ceremony, to read, to reflect, to discuss, to debrief, to counsel or to process. It's also a place to share your thoughts on reconciliation in many different ways. The conversations aren't always easy, and there are multiple perspectives and diverse lived experiences that shape the ongoing interpretation and understanding of reconciliation.

Resources: Our Legacy Room contains a variety of resources and materials to support discussion and learning. This includes a library filled with a wide variety of books, magazines, adult coloring books (plus markers and colored pencils), comic books, games and musical instruments, including a drum, reflecting the diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis history and culture. It also includes artwork from Indigenous artists across Turtle Island – from every province and territory.

Ceremonial Display: Our Legacy Room contains a beautiful array of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis ceremonial items housed in the glass display units.



*Legacy Room on the Canada C3*

## HUNDREDS OF PLACES TO VISIT ALONG THE LONGEST COASTLINE IN THE WORLD



*Leg 1 - On the River*



*On Gordon Island*

It's safe to say when the Canada C3 team sat down to plan the stops for our expedition, we were spoiled for choice. The journey from coast to coast to coast took us to breathtaking conservation areas, bustling cities, remote inlets and everything in between. Travelling through seven Eco zones, our ship saw everything from forests to tundra to sandy beaches.

In coastal towns and villages, Canada C3 participants met with local community members to connect and share ideas about what Canada was in the past, is now and can be in the future. In conservation areas, scientists on board conducted research on how to best preserve the environment for future generations. In Indigenous communities, we met with the local people to learn from the past and discuss reconciliation for the future.

Every place we visited has shaped Canada's coastline in its own unique way and every place brought something different to Canada C3, altogether making an unprecedented journey.

## THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE UP THE CANADA C3 EXPEDITION

The Canada C3 expedition is driven by powerful connections between people who wouldn't otherwise meet. Throughout the journey, people forged friendships and relationships that will outlast the expedition. Each day on the ship was different, but it was always shaped by the people both on board and in the communities we visited from coast to coast to coast.

Knowing that participants who join the journey will be the eyes and ears for Canada, we launched a national call for applications for Journey Participants, Youth Ambassadors and visual artists in March 2017. The response was overwhelming — we received nearly 5,000 applications from every province and territory, truly representing the diversity of Canada.

Our final goal was to mobilize a cross-section of Canadians to become part of the Canada C3 voyage, including scientists, artists, Indigenous Elders, historians, community leaders, youth, journalists and educators.

Canada C3 participants opened their minds to new perspectives, participated in an engaging conversation about the Canada of tomorrow and shared their stories with people from coast to coast to coast.

## THE CANADA C3 SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Canada C3 expedition is a platform for researchers from across the country to conduct studies on land and at sea. Our Science Program includes research proposals from renowned experts, featuring a diverse range of topics, including a coastal marine soundscape, the impact of micro plastics and the hybrid offspring of polar bears and grizzly bears — the grizzly. And that's just three examples!

Canada C3's rich scientific program will serve to expand our scientific knowledge base for future projects and future generations. Through our expedition's unique route, researchers had an opportunity to study lesser known areas of Canada's coastline. As they travelled on board the Canada C3 vessel, researchers met with communities and drew on traditional ecological knowledge, contributing to their current research projects and providing inspiration for future studies.

The Canada C3 expedition vessel is a 67 metres (220 ft.) Canadian-flagged research icebreaker. A former Canadian Coast Guard vessel, she has a distinguished legacy serving Canada and Canadians. The vessel is connected to Canada and the world via the latest satellite technologies, enabling Canadians from coast to coast to coast to experience the Canada C3 journey. Outfitted with Zodiacs (small boats), advanced navigation equipment, research labs, multiple decks and a top deck observation area, our vessel is purpose-built for passenger experiences in remote environments.

## THE ROUTE — 1ST LEG OF THE JOURNEY — TORONTO TO MONTREAL

Launched from Canada's biggest city, sailing down Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. Populous multicultural communities line this historic seaway, as well as forts, archaeological sites, parks and traditional Anishinaabe and Mohawk lands. Celebrating World Environment Day in Kingston and World Oceans Day in Cornwall with the first group of Canada C3 participants.

Sandra Lawn, Leg Expert, joined the group from Kingston and disembarked in Prescott four days later when the ship docked at the Prescott Coast Guard base for repairs.

Leg 1		
Dhilal Alhabook, Youth Ambassador	Michael Furdyk, Journey Participant	Andrew Milne, Journey Participant
Myia Antone, Youth Ambassador	Marcus Gee, Journalist	Debbie Muir, Journey Participant
Alisa Barry, Scientist	Raymond Guillermo, Journey Participant	Nigit'stil Norbert, Visual Artist
Dave Borins, Journey Participant	Christie Hartlin, Journey Participant	Michael Olson, Chef
Meredith Brown, Chief Scientist	Leona Humchitt, Journey Participant	Thomas Pratt, Scientist
Kai Clement, Journalist	Sandra Lawn, Leg Expert	Aaron Pritchett, Musician
Ian Coristine, Journey Participant	Johanna McInnis, Journey Participant	Joanne Steventon, Journey Participant

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