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**Parking Policy Measures and their
Effects on Mobility and the
Economy**

Subject: Overview of national and regional parking policies in Canada.

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National Overview



GEOGRAPHY

Area:

total: 9,976,140 sq km
land: 9,220,970 sq km
water: 755,170 sq km

Area-comparative: slightly larger than US

Land boundaries:

total: 8,893 km
border countries: US 8,893 km

Climate: varies from temperate in south to subarctic and arctic in north

Terrain: mostly plains with mountains in west and lowlands in southeast

Land use: arable land: 5% permanent pastures: 3% forests and woodland: 54% other: 38% (1993 est.)

Environment-current issues: air pollution and resulting acid rain severely affecting lakes and damaging forests; metal smelting, coal-burning utilities, and vehicle emissions impacting on agricultural and forest productivity; ocean waters becoming contaminated due to agricultural, industrial, mining, and forestry activities

Geography-note: second-largest country in world (after Russia); strategic location between Russia and US via north polar route; nearly 90% of the population is concentrated within 160 km of the US/Canada border

PEOPLE

Population: 30,675,398 (July 1998 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 20% (male 3,106,331; female 2,961,328)

15-64 years: 68% (male 10,457,686; female 10,328,953)

65 years and over: 12% (male 1,619,704; female 2,201,396) (July 1998 est.)

Population growth rate: 1.09% (1998 est.)

Birth rate: 12.12 births/1,000 population (1998 est.)

Death rate: 7.25 deaths/1,000 population (1998 est.)

Net migration rate: 6.03 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1998 est.)

GOVERNMENT

National capital: Ottawa (pop. 1 million).

Subdivisions: 10 provinces, 2 territories.

National Institutional Context

In Canada the responsibility for urban land use, planning and transportation is as follows:

- Federal - responsible for all issues that affect the whole country like aviation, ports etc...
- Provincial - responsible for issues affecting the entire province like highways between cities
- Municipal - responsible for issues within the city including planning, parking, traffic etc...

Each municipality is organized differently in respect to which department is responsible for the above issues. These will be highlighted in the discussion of each of the municipalities studied in this report.

National and Regional Policies Framework

The only National policy that influences urban land use and transportation in Canada is a joint agreement between federal and provincial leaders on air quality. It is called the Canada-wide Strategy on Acid Rain for Post 2000.

National Parking Context

As mentioned earlier all parking issues are the responsibility of each municipality in Canada and will be outlined in the Case studies.