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# **All About Canada, Eh?**

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**... but, first, a quiz ...**

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# True or False:

**Canadians burned down the White House during the war of 1812.**

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**False –**

**British soldiers did it. Canada  
didn't exist until 1867.**

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**In terms of square miles, the land mass of Canada is:**

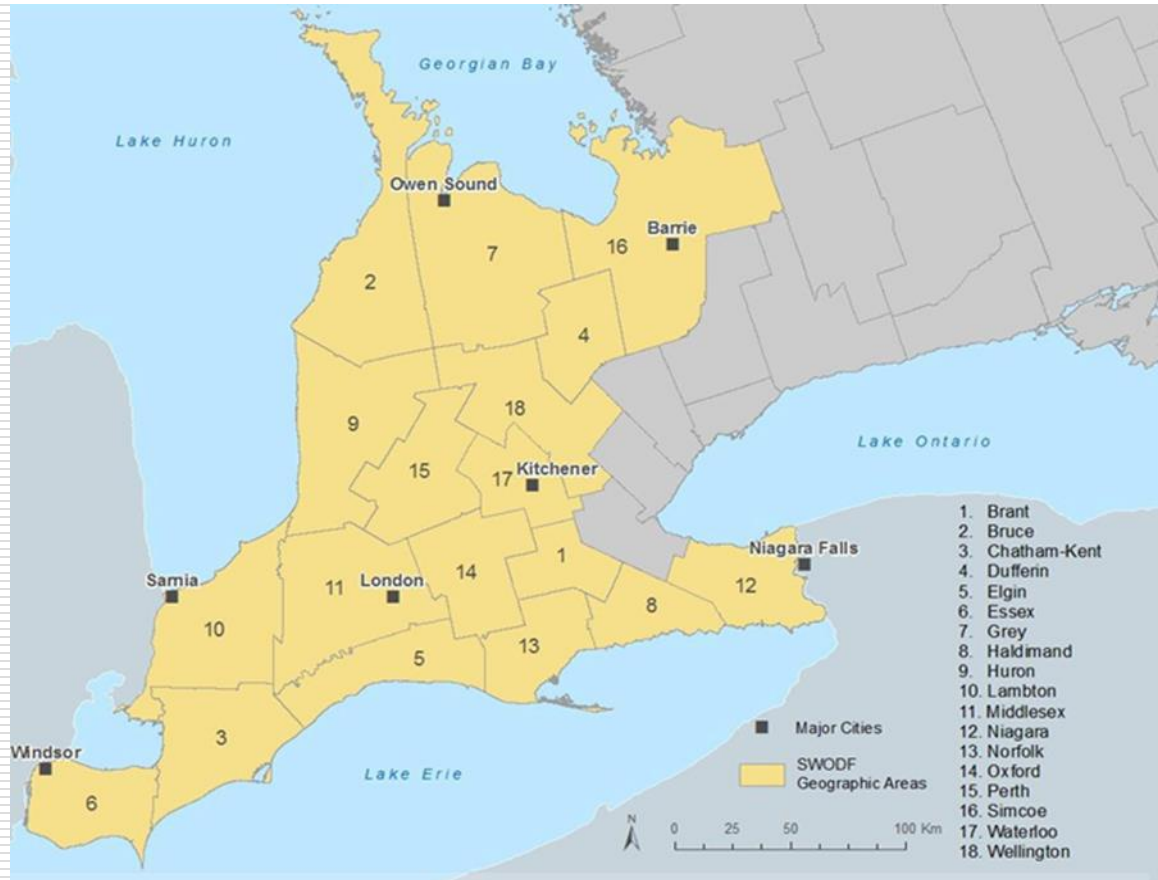
- 1. Second only to Russia**
  - 2. Third, with Russia and China being larger**
  - 3. Fourth, with Russia, China and the USA being larger**
  - 4. 90% uninhabitable, except for penguins and polar bears**
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**What is the latitude of the most southerly part of mainland Canada?**

- 1. 49° (the 49th parallel)**
  - 2. 41.9° (slightly south of the northern border of California)**
  - 3. I'm not sure, but I've heard that Windsor, Ontario is directly south of Detroit, Michigan, and that's just weird**
  - 4. I don't care – wherever it is, it's cold**
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## **Who is the current head of state of Canada?**

- 1. The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau**
  - 2. The Governor General, Julie Payette**
  - 3. Queen Elizabeth II**
  - 4. Murray Doehler**
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**The price of a home game ticket for a Toronto Maple Leafs (hockey team) is the highest amongst any team in the National Hockey League (NHL). Why?**

- 1. The arena holds 19,000 seats and 85% are reserved for season ticket holders (mostly corporate). An economist would call this supply management.**
  - 2. The Maple Leafs team is the most winning team in the NHL**
  - 3. Toronto's hockey fans are ~~desperate~~ gullible loyal.**
  - 4. It's \$Canadian, so the numbers only look high.**
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**Each province/territory has an energy/utility regulatory board or commission.**

**All are appointed (i.e. none are elected). Some are “on good behavior” and others are “at pleasure”.**

**Some terms are short (2 years, or in individual cases 6 months), some are until age 70, and some are in between (5 -7 years).**

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**Numbers of commissioners/board members ranges from 4 to 10.**

**Most have a mix of full-time and part-time members. A few have only part-time members.**

**Staff complement ranges from 0 full-time staff to around 500.**

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**All of them hold hearings on matters under their jurisdiction.**

**Rate methodologies range from rate base/rate of return to incentive regulation.**

**Most boards/commissions are quasi-judicial.  
Two are advisory.**

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## **Mandates differ significantly across provinces/territories (some examples)**

- ☐ **Electricity**
  - ☐ **Natural gas**
  - ☐ **Water**
  - ☐ **Petroleum products (including maximum price of gasoline)**
  - ☐ **Auto insurance**
  - ☐ **Land and property matters**
  - ☐ **Payday loans**
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## **National Energy Board responsibilities:**

- Authorization of interprovincial and international pipelines**
  - Tolls and tariffs of those pipelines**
  - Construction/operation of international power lines**
  - Export and import of energy**
  - Environmental protection and assessment**
  - Public safety associated with these**
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- **Note that electricity, including interprovincial electricity, is under provincial jurisdiction, and therefore under the regulatory responsibility of those regulators.**
  - **No equivalent to FERC in Canada.**
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## **Telecommunications:**

**The regulation of all telecommunications falls under federal jurisdiction – Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).**

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## **Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission:**

- Regulation of uranium mines & mills**
  - Reactors – power plants & research reactors**
  - Nuclear substances & radiation devices**
  - Nuclear waste**
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