

CANADA: A STRONG ALLY FOR A SAFER, MORE SECURE AMERICA

Canada is meeting the moment and rebuilding, rearming, and reinvesting in the Canadian Armed Forces to protect North America.

On June 9, Canada announced an **investment of over \$6 billion** in the Canadian Armed Forces. With this increase, **Canada will reach the NATO benchmark of defense spending of 2% of GDP this year**. This builds on the commitments made last year in Canada's defense policy, Our North, Strong and Free (ONSAF), as well as previous commitments to NORAD modernisation to strengthen Canada's sovereignty and security. During the NATO Summit in June 2025, Canada, alongside its Allies, made a new Defence Investment Pledge to invest 5% of annual GDP by 2035 to ensure our individual and collective security.

Reinforcing the Canadian Armed Forces

Canada is making foundational investments in the Canadian Armed Forces to support recruitment and retention, improve defense infrastructure, sustain core fleets, and strengthen our digital backbone. We're accelerating the acquisition of critical capabilities like **counter-drone systems, expanding core fleets, and boosting ammunition production**. Reaching 2% of GDP



reflects more than just a spending target, it underscores Canada's commitment to defending our sovereignty and contributing meaningfully to North American and Allied security.



Defending the Arctic

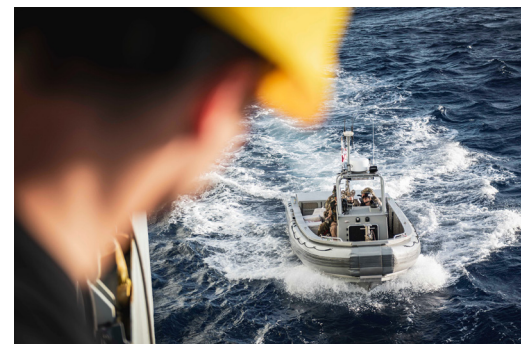
The Arctic is central to Canada's sovereignty and continental defense. That's why **Canada is investing in new capabilities to enhance our northern presence, mobility, and responsiveness**. This includes underwater sensors, Arctic mobility vehicles, and advanced surveillance in support of NORAD. These investments will strengthen our ability to detect, monitor, and respond to threats in the North, and reaffirm Canada's role as a reliable NORAD partner.

Burden Sharing That Delivers

Canada's defense investments mean **more boots, ships, missiles, and aircraft, to help keep North America safe**. This lightens the operational load on U.S. forces and reinforces deterrence against hostile nations.

Expanding Canada's Industrial Base

Canada is investing in and mobilizing its defense industrial base, **strengthening our ability to equip the Canadian Armed Forces while supporting our Allies and partners**. A stronger domestic industry means Canada can serve as a secure and reliable partner in the global defense supply chain.



Canada's Increased Defense Spending: Securing North America

These investments lay the foundation for a modern Canadian Armed Forces that is agile, multi-purpose, and combat-ready. They ensure our military is prepared to **protect Canadian sovereignty, defend North America, and contribute to the security of Allies and partners today and into the future.**



“In an increasingly dangerous and divided world, Canada must assert its sovereignty. We will rapidly procure new equipment and technology, build our defence industrial capacity, and meet our NATO defence commitment this year. Canada will seize this opportunity with urgency and determination.”

-The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada



Measures include:

- Purchasing new aircraft, armed vehicles, and ammunition.
- Developing new drones and sensors to monitor the seafloor and the Arctic.
- Expanding the reach, security mandate, and abilities of the Canadian Coast Guard, and integrating the Canadian Coast Guard into our NATO defense capabilities – to better secure our sovereignty and expand maritime surveillance.
- Bolstering Canada's defense industrial capacity.
- Enhancing capacity in artificial intelligence, cyber, quantum, and space.
- Modern and secure digital infrastructure.



Supports key capabilities, including:

- Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar
- Joint Counter-Drone Program
- Joint Support Ships
- Long-range precision strike capability



**Canada's new defense investments keeps
Canada and the U.S. safe and secure**