

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Advanced Education Education	
Title of Travel	Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) meeting and the Advisory Committee of Deputy Ministers of Education (ACDME) meeting	
Location	Victoria, BC	
Date(s)	July 23 - 25, 2019	
Participants	Honourable Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Minister of Advanced Education Tessa Ritter, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Advanced Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education Mark McLoughlin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education Tammy Bloor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education Daniel Bean, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Education	
Purpose of Travel	To participate in the annual inter-jurisdictional meeting between ministers and deputy ministers of education to discuss and collaborate on common priority issues in K-12 and post-secondary education.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$3,235.09
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$233.46
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$6,029.54
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$513.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, and other sundry expenditures)		\$29.92
	Subtotal	\$10,041.01
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$10,041.01

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC) and the Advisory Committee of Deputy Ministers of Education (ACDME) meetings were held in Victoria in July 2019. The annual meetings gather the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Education across Canada to discuss shared priorities in the K-12 and post-secondary education sector.

The agenda focused on Indigenous education, post-secondary education sustainability and outcomes, technology in elementary-secondary education, international education and the future of education and work.

Travel Activity:

The delegation from Saskatchewan engaged in a number of activities and a summary of the meetings are listed below.

ACDME Meeting:

- Deputy Ministers and officials engaged with an expert panel on the future of education and work, participated in a working session on current federal initiatives related to education and training, and discussed the current state of education and the future directions of technology in elementary-secondary education.
- Saskatchewan led the CMEC International Education and Engagement Strategy discussion that was focused on identifying challenges and opportunities in international education.

CMEC Meeting:

- Ministers and Deputy Ministers engaged in a roundtable discussion on revitalizing Indigenous languages, listened to a student panel, and received a presentation from Ontario and Nova Scotia that highlighted plans to improve post-secondary sustainability and outcomes.
- Ministers approved the Indigenous Education Plan and participated in a session on reimagining education that focused on the future of education and work.
- Ministers approved the CMEC Post-Secondary Education Strategy, participated in discussions to finalize the Protocol for Agreements for Minority-Language Education and Second-Language Instruction and discussed CMEC's business and provincial/territorial education priorities for the next year.
- This CMEC meeting marked the end of British Columbia's term as Chair of CMEC. The new Chair of CMEC is the Northwest Territories while the Vice-Chair is Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan will chair the ACDME meetings for the next two years.