

## Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Council of the Federation (COF) Mission to the National Governors Association (NGA) 2019 Winter Meeting	
Location	Washington, DC	
Date(s)	February 21 - 25, 2019	
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to the Premier Graham Stewart, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier Jodi Banks, Assistant Deputy Minister of International Relations and Trade, Ministry of Trade and Export Development	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the 2019 NGA Winter Meeting, as part of the COF delegation, to engage with United States (U.S.) Governors, and to share Saskatchewan's (SK) perspective on Canada-U.S. trade, energy security, supply chains and carbon capture and storage.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$3,726.03
Ground Travel (including taxis and parking)		\$15.81
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$4,791.03
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$1,272.87
Conference and Registration Fees		\$2,258.21
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, and other sundry expenditures)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$12,063.95
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, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$12,063.95

## Overview of Travel and Objectives

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Premier Moe travelled to Washington, D.C., to attend the 2019 NGA Winter Meeting.

- Participants at the meeting included:
  - COF Premiers Blaine Higgs (New Brunswick and Chair of COF), Scott Moe (SK) and Doug Ford (Ontario);
  - U.S. Governors from 48 states;
  - Former Canadian Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Lawrence MacAulay and Minister of Transport Marc Garneau; and,
  - Director of the White House Economic Council Larry Kudlow and Mexican Under Secretary for Foreign Relations Jesus Seade, who joined Minister Garneau as part of a NGA panel on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Objectives included:

- building on existing relationships, or developing new ones, to advance advocacy efforts on issues important to SK;
- highlighting the benefits of the Canada-U.S. relationship and the integration of the North American economy to secure the support of U.S. Governors for the USMCA and urge them to serve as advocates for the removal of Section 232 tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum with the U.S. Administration and Congress;
- encourage collaboration between Canada and the U.S. on energy infrastructure projects to ensure products can reach their intended market and improve the efficiency of the system across North America; and,
- profile the performance and results of SaskPower's Boundary Dam 3 Project and SK's leadership on carbon capture and storage (CCS).

### Travel Activity:

While at the 2019 NGA Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., Premier Moe:

- participated in a media panel with POLITICOPro Canada which focused on the importance of Canada-U.S. trade, the highly-integrated nature of North American supply chains, the importance of the USMCA and the need to remove Section 232 tariffs to provide certainty to business;
- participated in a roundtable with 30 American business leaders at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce which focused on Canada-U.S. trade issues (i.e., USMCA, Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum) and provided Premiers with the opportunity to hear from businesses and gather their perspectives on the best way to move forward and strengthen the Canada-U.S. relationship;

- participated in a USMCA roundtable discussion with U.S. Governors from Iowa, Maine, Utah, Montana, Arizona, Vermont, North Dakota, and Wyoming. Discussed implementing the USMCA and the need to remove Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum where the Premier highlighted the integrated nature of North American supply chains, the benefits of the USMCA, and the importance of avoiding protectionist policies that create uncertainty to business and investors; and
- along with Premier Higgs, met with the U.S. Under Secretary of Energy Mark Menezes to discuss the importance of Canada-U.S. energy infrastructure projects (i.e., pipelines) to transport energy products, the wide-reaching impacts of steel and aluminum tariffs across multiple sectors including energy, the threat of tariffs against U.S. uranium imports, and SK's experience with CCS.
- discussed opportunities to collaborate on CCS with U.S. Governors that utilize coal to generate power (and produce oil) in their state;
- held bilateral meetings with South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, NGA incoming Chair and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, and Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, where the Premier highlighted the importance of Canada-U.S. trade and SK-state-level trade, the negative impacts of steel and aluminum tariffs, and, expressed support for the USMCA; and,
- attended other events that provided further opportunities for networking and one-on-one conversations, on topics such as provincial and state-level trade, the impacts of steel and aluminum tariffs, the benefits of the USMCA, the threat of tariffs against uranium imports, and renewable energy and CCS.