

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Trade and Export Development	
Title of Travel	Committee on Internal Trade Meeting	
Location	Montreal, QC	
Date(s)	November 22 - 23, 2018	
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development Richard Davis, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Trade and Export Development Rob Swallow, Executive Director, Trade Policy, Ministry of Trade and Export Development	
Purpose of Travel	To attend Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Internal Trade Meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$3,195.68
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$154.65
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$553.35
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$178.00
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)		0.00
Subtotal		\$4,081.68
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		\$4,081.68

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) Ministers met in Montreal for a provincial/territorial ministers' meeting and the annual FPT Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) meeting. Minister of Trade and Export Development Jeremy Harrison used the opportunity to reaffirm Saskatchewan's strong support for open and non-discriminatory movement of goods, services, investment and people in Canada, as well as Saskatchewan's commitment to the removal of existing barriers to trade.

Meeting Objectives:

- discuss next steps on direction from the Council of the Federation arising out of the 2018 summer meeting;
- receive updates from various working groups under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA); and,
- provide feedback and direction to Internal Trade Representatives on a variety of issues.

Background:

- The CFTA was effective on July 1, 2017. A number of working groups were created by the agreement, and future negotiations in the areas of cannabis for non-medical purposes and financial services were established. The CIT is comprised of ministers responsible for internal trade from each of the signatories to the CFTA.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL TRADE – ALL PARTIES CONTINUE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY

Montreal, Quebec – November 23, 2018 – The federal, provincial and territorial Ministers, and senior officials, responsible for Internal Trade met today in Montreal for the annual meeting of the Committee on Internal Trade (CIT).

Under the Chairmanship of Pierre Fitzgibbon, the Québec Minister of Economy and Innovation, this meeting served as a work session during which Ministers reviewed the work done to date by the various working groups and tables formed under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

They also took stock of ongoing negotiations arising from the CFTA and provided direction to officials in order to accelerate progress.

Internal trade is set to be discussed at the First Ministers' Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2018, in Montreal.

Quick Facts:

- The Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) was created in 1995 under the Agreement on Internal Trade and continued under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), which came into effect on July 1, 2017.
- All governments have equal status at the CIT and its Chairpersonship rotates annually among the Parties. Quebec is Chair of the CIT for the current year and Nova Scotia will assume the role in January 2019.
- The CFTA has modernized the framework governing internal trade in Canada, including by ensuring that governments are at least as open to Canadian businesses and investors as they are to foreign businesses and investors.
- Internal trade is crucial to the growth of Canadian businesses. For small and medium-sized businesses in particular, this type of trade can often help to propel them into international markets.
- Between 2000 and 2017^[1], the value of interprovincial exports of goods and services in Canada increased from \$213.3 billion to \$406.4 billion, representing an average annual growth of 3.9%.
 - During the same period, Canada's exports of goods and services to international markets grew at an average annual rate of 1.8%, from \$487.7 billion to \$663.7 billion.

^[1] Source: Provincial and Territorial Economic Accounts, November 2017, Statistics Canada. Data of November 2018.