

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) Meetings
Location	Toronto, ON
Date(s)	November 30 - December 2, 2019
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to the Premier Jim Billington, Director of Communications and Press Secretary to the Premier McKenzie Kibler, Manager of Digital Media Cam Swan, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Gibbons, Executive Advisor to the Deputy Minister Ashley Metz, Assistant Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Affairs Kendra Gellner, Senior Intergovernmental Officer, Intergovernmental Affairs
Purpose of Travel	Chair the December 2019 COF Meeting and attend related meetings
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)	\$9,217.76
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)	\$118.31
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)	\$2,138.89
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$571.00
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	\$12,045.96
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)	\$361.88
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$1,355.82
Subtotal	\$1,717.70
TOTAL	\$13,763.66

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The purpose of this travel was for Premier Moe to chair the meeting of the Council of the Federation (COF). Established in 2003, COF comprises the thirteen premiers of Canada's provinces and territories (PTs). It is a forum for managing PT relations with the federal government, reinforcing the work of sectoral forums and providing leadership on issues of importance to Canadians.

This was an extraordinary meeting of Canada's Premiers in the wake of the 2019 federal election, convened to discuss regional concerns and prepare for a meeting of First Ministers early in the new year.

As Chair, Saskatchewan's objective was to facilitate consensus among Premiers, while sharing Saskatchewan's growing sense of frustration within the federation.

Potential areas of consensus identified by Saskatchewan included:

- Proposing amendments to the fiscal stabilization formula to ensure it is more responsive to the economic realities facing provinces;
- Recognizing that each province is uniquely suited to tackle climate change, and that it is within the provincial jurisdiction of provinces to develop environmental policies to do so; and
- Recognizing that each province has concerns with federal environmental assessment legislation that must be addressed through meaningful legislative amendments and regulations.

Travel Activity:

Premier Moe chaired the COF meeting on December 1-2, 2020. Canada's Premiers discussed a number of topics related to federal-provincial-territorial relations, including opportunities and challenges following the federal election, regional concerns, economic competitiveness and healthcare funding. They also discussed preparations for a meeting of First Ministers.

Outcomes included a joint communiqué calling for federal partnership and action, focused on four priority areas:

- 1) Economic Competitiveness
- 2) Fiscal Stabilization Program
- 3) Healthcare and Infrastructure
- 4) Northern Priorities

Premiers made specific calls on the federal government in each of these priority areas.

In addition, Premiers wrote a letter inviting the Prime Minister to co-host a meeting of First Ministers early in the new year. They proposed that the Prime Minister set the agenda for day one of the meeting, and Premiers set the agenda for day two on the four priority areas outlined above.

The communiqué and letter are available on the COF website at:

<https://www.canadaspremiers.ca/meeting-of-canadas-premiers-december-2-2019-toronto-ontario/>

Premier Moe also met with Ontario Premier Doug Ford and New Brunswick Premier Blaine Higgs, and announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on small modular reactors.

The event included a closing press conference and various sessions of media availability. Premier Moe also participated in media interviews with all major national news outlets.