

## Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

<b>Ministry</b>	Executive Council	
<b>Title of Travel</b>	Mission to the United States	
<b>Location</b>	Washington, D.C.	
<b>Date(s)</b>	March 27 - 28, 2023	
<b>Participants</b>	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to the Premier Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister, Trade and Export Development	
<b>Purpose of Travel</b>	To promote Saskatchewan as a preferred investment destination and reliable supplier of critical minerals	
<b>Total Travel Expenditures for Participants</b>		
<b>Air Travel</b> (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$5,181.73
<b>Ground Travel</b> (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$0.00
<b>Accommodation</b> (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,647.35
<b>Meals</b> (personal per diem meal claims)		\$225.18
<b>Conference &amp; Registration Fees</b>		\$0.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b> (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$250.14
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,304.40</b>
<b>General Travel Expenditures</b>		
<b>Business Hosting Expenses</b> (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b> (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,304.40</b>

## **Overview of Travel and Objectives**

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The United States (U.S.) is SK's most important trading and investment partner. In 2022, SK exported \$29.3 billion (B) (56% of all exports) to the U.S. and imported \$12.3B (81% of all imports) from the U.S.

It is critical that the Government of Saskatchewan (SK) promotes the province as a trusted ally in the U.S., a producer of sustainably extracted natural resources and as a reliable partner in the goal of securing critical minerals, which are needed for North America's economic growth and energy transition.

SK is a trade and investment partner with a stable political environment, strong fiscal position, business-friendly climate and environmentally sound practices across all sectors.

Mission objectives included:

- Highlight Saskatchewan (SK) as a safe and reliable source of critical minerals and rare earth elements (REEs) that are needed for North American energy security and continental defense purposes;
- Promote Saskatchewan's recently released Critical Mineral's Strategy at the Securing America's Future Energy Summit (SAFE). The summit hosted senior business leaders from the world's leading automobile, mining, and transportation corporations as well as White House and senior government officials to discuss broader energy and mining supply chains.
- Promote SK's ability to provide energy solutions aligned with Canada and the U.S.'s energy transition goals; and
- Emphasizing that maintaining open trade is in the interest of Canada and the U.S.

### **Travel Activity**

While in Washington, D.C., Premier Moe:

- participated in a panel discussing how allies can expand critical minerals processing capacity, at the Securing America's Future Energy Foundation (SAFE) Summit; and
- met with elected officials from the U.S. House of Representatives, including:
  - Representative Ryan Zinke (R-MT); and
  - Representative Pete Stauber (R-MN).

The scheduled mission was unfortunately cut short due to the passing of a Member of the Legislative Assembly. The continuation of the remaining program's meetings and business was rescheduled for a later date.