

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 (CIT) Meeting	
Location	Toronto, ON	
Date(s)	December 7 - 8, 2022	
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development Richard Davis, Chief of Staff to Minister Harrison Kevin France, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and Export Development	
Purpose of Travel	To represent Saskatchewan at the annual meeting of Internal Trade Ministers	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$1,225.93
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$182.44
Accommodation (incl. room charges and related taxes, and fees)		\$975.92
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$161.00
Conference and Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenses)		\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$2,545.29
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (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
Miscellaneous (including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$2,545.29

Overview of Travel and Objectives

To represent Saskatchewan as a member of the Committee on Internal Trade (CIT), a body established through the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) to supervise the implementation of the CFTA; to assist in the resolution of disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of this Agreement; approve the annual operating budget of the Secretariat; and consider any other matter that may affect the operation of the Agreement. The CIT is comprised of federal, provincial and territorial trade ministers.

Travel Activity

Meeting topics included:

- a discussion on how internal trade has progressed since the signing of the CFTA in 2017;
- a presentation from the federal government with regards to its commitment to internal trade investment as outlined in its 2021 budget;
- conclusion of the negotiations for the addition of non-medical cannabis to the CFTA;
- an update on the progress towards adding a financial services chapter to the CFTA;
- an update from the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table (RCT), including a presentation from Minister Harrison on Saskatchewan's work as Chair of the mandated Five-Year Review process and the outcome of that work;
- a presentation from Alberta on the mutual recognition paper it commissioned from the Macdonald-Laurier Institute; and
- an update from the Forum of Labour Market Ministers on work being undertaken with respect to labour mobility.

As the incoming chair, Minister Harrison invited his counterparts to Saskatchewan for the next CIT meeting in 2023.