

## 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>	April 25-27, 2023
<b>Participants</b>	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to the Premier, Executive Council 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)	\$5,929.77
<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)	\$2,954.68
<b>Meals</b> (personal per diem meal claims)	\$161.00
<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)	\$339.20
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,384.65</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>\$9,384.65</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 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. On March 27, 2023, the Government of Saskatchewan released *Securing the Future: Saskatchewan's Critical Minerals Strategy*, which aims to increase competitiveness and attract investment in this high-growth sector in the province.

Mission objectives included:

- Highlight 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 SK's ability to provide energy solutions aligned with Canada and the U.S.'s energy transition goals; and
- Emphasize that maintaining open trade is in the interest of Canada and the U.S.

### Travel Activity

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

- met with elected officials from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, including:
  - Senator Steve Daines (R-MT);
  - Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV);
  - Senator Jack Reed (D-RI);
  - Representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC); and
  - Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA).
- met with representatives of the U.S. federal government and White House Administration, including:
  - David Kovatch, Director, Inflation Reduction Act Policy and Diplomacy, National Security Council;
  - Stephen Benjamin, Director, Office of Public Engagement; and
  - Dr. Andrew Light, Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy.

Some of these meetings marked the completion of the originally scheduled mission in March 2023, which was cut short due to the passing of an MLA. Additional meetings were covered during this trip as well.