

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Western Premiers’ Conference	
Location	Whistler, BC	
Date(s)	June 26-27, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to the Premier, Executive Council (EC) Julie Leggott, Deputy Chief of Staff – Communications & Press Secretary, EC	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the Western Premiers’ Conference	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,164.75
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$0.00
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,595.10
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$194.00
Conference & 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 expenditures)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$3,953.85
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		\$3,953.85

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The purpose of this travel was to attend the 2023 Western Premiers' Conference (WPC). Last year Saskatchewan hosted this meeting in Regina.

WPC brings together the Premiers from Canada's four Western Provinces and three Territories. All Premiers were in attendance.

Saskatchewan's primary focus for the meeting was to strengthen alignment among Western Provinces and Territories (PTs) and determine areas for joint collaboration, including pushing back against federal intrusion into areas of exclusive PT jurisdiction. Premier Moe led discussions on energy security and immigration as areas where PTs could provide further leadership in order to support economic growth.

Travel Activity:

At the meeting, western Premiers discussed several topics related to Federal-Provincial-Territorial relations, including the state of Canada's federation, and highlighted the impact that climate policies are having on PT economies and affordability for Canadians. Western Premiers also discussed positioning going into the Council of the Federation (COF) Summer Meeting in July 2023.

Premiers released a joint communiqué calling for federal partnership and commitments in seven priority areas:

- 1) Strategic infrastructure and corridors
- 2) Climate action and sustainable development
- 3) Energy security
- 4) Immigration
- 5) Labour markets and mobility
- 6) Arctic security and sovereignty
- 7) Community safety

Premiers also agreed to task additional follow-up work to Ministers responsible for Corridors and Mental Health and Addictions.

The WPC communiqué is available on the Government of British Columbia's website at: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023PREM0046-001045>.

The WPC meeting concluded with a closing press conference, with media in-person and on the phone asking questions. Premier Moe participated in the press conference along with all Western Premiers.