

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 Conference	
Location	Winnipeg, MB	
Date(s)	July 9-12, 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 Ashley Knisley, Executive Assistant to the Premier, EC	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the summer Council of the Federation meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$0.00
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$0.00
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$3,346.72
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$370.00
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		\$3,716.72
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		\$3,716.72

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The purpose of this travel was to attend the 2023 Summer Meeting of the Council of the Federation (COF).

Established in 2003, COF comprises the 13 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.

The meeting was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and presented an opportunity to realign the COF table's focus, as the past three years had primarily revolved around renegotiating the Canada Health Transfer with the federal government. The meeting centred around two main themes: "Strong Communities" and "Economic Growth."

Saskatchewan's primary objective in attending the meeting was to focus on mutual areas of agreement and stress the importance around the need for the federal government to respect PT jurisdiction and priorities and for federal actions to complement regional and local priorities. Premier Moe also led discussions on competitiveness and enhancing energy security as part of the effort to advance economic growth in Canada.

Saskatchewan continued to facilitate consensus among Premiers to advance priorities within the federation and communicate those to the federal government. Premiers have requested a First Ministers' Meeting (FMM) with the Prime Minister to discuss strategic infrastructure and competitiveness.

Travel Activity:

At the meeting, Canada's Premiers discussed a number of topics related to Federal-Provincial-Territorial relations, including health, labour force and immigration, public safety, affordability and housing, competitiveness, energy and security, and the desire to have a FMM around strategic infrastructure and competitiveness.

Outcomes included two joint communiqués calling for federal partnership and action and focused on nine priority areas:

- 1) Improving health care
- 2) Building a strong labour force
- 3) Enhancing public safety
- 4) Ensuring Arctic security and sovereignty
- 5) Addressing housing needs
- 6) Competitiveness and Canada-United States Relations and trade
- 7) Strategic infrastructure
- 8) Energy security and critical minerals
- 9) Sustainable development and climate action

Premiers reiterated their commitment to these priorities within the federation and made specific calls on the federal government. Premiers also agreed to write a letter requesting that the Prime Minister hold a FMM.

The communiqués are available on the COF website at:
<https://www.canadaspremiers.ca/summer-meeting-july-10-12-2023-winnipeg-manitoba/>.

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.