

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Environment	
Title of Travel	Canadian Council of Forest Ministers	
Location	Saint Andrew’s, NB	
Date(s)	May 8-10, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Dana Skoropad, Minister of Environment Kenneth Cotterill, Chief of Staff to Minister Skoropad, Environment Veronica Gelowitz, Deputy Minister, Environment	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers’ meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$3,332.25
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$89.08
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,659.33
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$378.00
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		\$5,458.66
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		\$5,458.66

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The meeting of the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers provides an opportunity to discuss a number of priority issues, including: international markets access issues, wildland fire, and other forest sector priorities and initiatives.

Travel Activity:

The two day meetings included:

- Stores in Building Successful Relationships Panel;
- Leveraging Sustainable Forest Management Panel;
- Forest Sector Resilience Panel;
- Discussions on forest degradation and wildfire management; and
- A jurisdictional roundtable.

Minister Skoropad also had an opportunity to meet with federal Minister Wilkinson where he stressed the importance of the federal government supporting our sustainable industries, The conference concluded with a joint communique, which the province signed onto.