

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Environment	
Title of Travel	FPT on Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity	
Location	Ottawa, ON	
Date(s)	May 24-26, 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 FPT on Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,906.25
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$137.47
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$2,697.12
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$344.00
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)		\$51.00
	Subtotal	\$6,135.84
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	\$6,135.84

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The meeting provided an opportunity to see the progress since the last in-person ministers' meeting in 2021, including the collaborative work to advance the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada and Supporting the expansion of Canada's network of protected and conserved areas, including through the Pathway to Canada Target 1 initiative.

Travel Activity:

The two-day meetings included:

- Panel discussion with Indigenous people about the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and Biodiversity outcomes.
- Discussions of the KMGBF in a Canadian context and in relations to conservation efforts.
- Round table on biodiversity loss and outcomes in each jurisdiction.

The conference concluded with a joint communique, which the province signed onto after significant changes were made to align with Saskatchewan's perspectives.