

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Environment	
Title of Travel	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME)	
Location	Huntsville, ON	
Date(s)	July 25–28, 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	Annual Meeting of Environment Ministers	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$1,935.63
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$867.27
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$2,985.60
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$244.00
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		\$6,083.50
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		\$6,083.50

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Skoropad traveled to Ontario to participate in the annual in-person meeting of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME). CCME is the primary, minister-led intergovernmental forum for collective action on environmental issues of national and international interest, composed of the environment ministers from the federal, provincial, and territorial governments.

Travel Activity:

Prior to the formal meeting, Minister participated in a meeting with representatives from industry and environmental organizations. The discussion centered around opportunities for harmonization and innovation in the waste sector, such as promoting a circular plastics economy.

Minister also participated in a meeting with several of the National Indigenous Organizations and representatives from Ontario First Nations and Métis communities to discuss ways to improve collaboration on water issues. The discussion touched on opportunities for collaboration across all orders of government and the importance of meaningful engagement.

As part of the CCME meeting Minister:

- participated in discussions that reflected on the above-noted meetings as well as discussions regarding managing plastic waste and the Ministers considered the types of information that might be helpful to share across jurisdictions (i.e., accepted material lists) to support harmonization;
- participated in conversations on climate adaptation and innovation, including: federal funding; allowing jurisdictions the flexibility to determine tools and strategies; and support for industry innovation.

The meeting concluded with a joint communiqué, which was supported by Saskatchewan.