

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Parks, Culture and Sport	
Title of Travel	Annual Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie (MCCF) FPT Meetings	
Location	Vancouver, BC	
Date(s)	July 5-7, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport (PCS) Drew Lombard, Chief of Staff to Minister Ross, PCS Charles-Henri Warren, Executive Director, Francophone Affairs, PCS	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the Annual MCCF Ministers' meetings	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,021.79
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$161.01
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$2,889.06
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$128.00
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	\$5,199.86
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	\$5,199.86

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Ross attended the annual MCCP Ministers' meetings to represent Saskatchewan and the provincial sector interests.

Saskatchewan's main objective for the meeting was seeking a commitment from the federal government to work with provinces and territories to ensure better coordination of the various funding envelopes of the Action Plan for Official Languages (unveiled this past spring), while respecting each PTs contexts and priorities in terms of French-language services.

Saskatchewan's secondary objective for the meeting was to implement measures to foster the economic development and maintain the vitality of Francophone communities.

Travel Activity:

At the meetings, the federal government and provinces and territories agreed to develop mechanisms to better coordinate their respective measures for French-language services. The Minister also all agreed to work with their colleagues responsible for immigration to support Francophone immigration. Ministers also announced that new data on the labour market need for bilingual workers will be available. This data will help government, employers and training institutions in addressing labour market shortages.