

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Parks, Culture and Sport	
Title of Travel	41 st Annual Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women	
Location	Charlottetown, PE	
Date(s)	July 29 - August 3, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport (PCS) Drew Lombard, Chief of Staff to Minister Ross, PCS Bernadet Hamill, Executive Director, Status of Women Office, PCS	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the pre-meeting with NILRs and bilateral discussions with provinces and territories	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$3,132.06
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$157.90
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$4,141.48
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$398.00
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		\$7,829.44
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		\$7,829.44

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Ross attended the pre-meeting with National Indigenous Leader Representatives (NILRs) and the 41st Annual Meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women to advise and support and represent Saskatchewan and the provincial sector interests.

Saskatchewan is the FPT Co-Chair of Women in Economy and led a roundtable discussion on this file in response to updated information provided by the federal government on the status of women in the economy.

Travel Activity:

Minister and Senior Officials attended meetings and participated in pre-meeting discussions, providing Saskatchewan's feedback and ensuring interests were included within discussions and decision-making. Minister presented updates to the NILRs on initiatives and programs Saskatchewan has in place related to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and supporting Indigenous women in Saskatchewan's economy.

FPT Minister meetings included discussions on matters impacting women including gender-based violence, women in the economy and proposed principles of engagement with the NILRs. The Minister and Senior Officials worked to ensure Saskatchewan's concerns were heard and reflected into the records of decision.

Several unofficial bilateral meetings were held with provincial ministers and their senior officials with respect to common areas of interest and concerns, particularly with respect to protecting Saskatchewan's interests.