

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	SaskBuilds and Procurement	
Title of Travel	Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Infrastructure Meeting	
Location	Whistler, BC	
Date(s)	June 20-22, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Lori Carr, Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement (SBP) Sean Wilson, Chief of Staff to Minister Carr, SBP Kyle Toffan, Deputy Minister, SBP	
Purpose of Travel	To represent Saskatchewan at the nation-wide meetings to discuss infrastructure	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$1,756.25
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$358.30
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,105.51
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$238.00
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)		\$30.00
Subtotal		\$3,398.06
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		\$3,398.06

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The objectives of the meeting were:

- to provide an update on infrastructure policy/program priorities, continued challenges, and new developments since the November 2022 FPT Ministers of Infrastructure meeting;
- to discuss progress on multilateral engagement/collaboration on infrastructure and future opportunities;
- to reflect on priorities outlined by Ministers and identify opportunities for continued collaboration on shared infrastructure objectives;
- to hear from experts on the challenges and opportunities for increasing the use of low carbon materials and design in the Canadian construction sector; and
- to promote awareness of the Canadian Table for Harmonized Construction Codes Policy and renewal of the National Model Construction Codes.

Travel Activity

Minister meetings included:

- Federal update
 - identified directions from Budget 2023, including around the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB);
 - provided an update on INFC priorities (eg permanent public transportation, housing resilience, national infrastructure assessment, etc.); and
 - discussed opportunities for ongoing collaboration, key issues and next steps.
- CIB: The Path Forward
 - provided an overview of the CIB's renewed vision following Budget 2023;
 - promoted awareness of new priorities of the CIB, including investments in clean power, green infrastructure, and loans to support Indigenous equity stakes in major infrastructure projects; and
 - discussed potential implications for provinces and territories.
- Strengthening Outcomes from Infrastructure Investments
 - considered opportunities to align infrastructure planning and development to achieve greater outcomes from infrastructure investments (eg transit-oriented development)
 - examined provincial-territorial challenges and opportunities to linking planning and building of community infrastructure; and
 - discussed key take-aways and opportunities.

Deputy Minister meetings included:

- Low Carbon Infrastructure Solutions
 - Heard from experts regarding the opportunities presented by Buy Clean policies;
 - Considered the climate impacts of the construction industry, with an emphasis on low-carbon materials and design; and

- Discussed challenges and opportunities for Canadian jurisdictions to reduce embodied carbon and create opportunities for Canadian manufacturers and materials suppliers through Buy Clean policies.
- Renewal of the National Model Construction Codes Governance
 - Increased awareness of the Canadian Table for Harmonized Construction Codes Policy and its role in setting direction for the development of the National Model Construction Codes; and
 - Reviewed recent changes to the national code-making governance model and introduce the National Research Council and the Canadian Table for Harmonized Construction Codes Policy as decision makers in national codes development.
- Priorities for Coming Year
 - Reviewed key messages from Ministers' discussion and expert session;
 - Reflected on and assessed opportunities to advance key priorities through ongoing collaboration at the infrastructure tables; and
 - Identified opportunities for provincial-territorial engagement toward the fall update.