

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Social Services	
Title of Travel	Meeting of FPT Ministers Responsible for Housing	
Location	Ottawa, ON	
Date(s)	June 26-28, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Gene Makowsky, Minister of Social Services Lee Guse, Chief of Staff to Minister Makowsky, Social Services	
Purpose of Travel	To attend meeting of Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Housing	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$1,186.50
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$63.53
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,593.56
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$220.00
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	\$3,063.59
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	\$3,063.59

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Makowsky attended the Council of Ministers Responsible for Housing meetings in Ottawa, ON where he served as Co-Chair. Minister Makowsky provided support in advancing Saskatchewan's interest at the national level with regards to housing need and priorities specific to housing as well as complex issues such as homelessness.

Travel Activity:

While in Ottawa, Minister Makowsky met with other provincial Council of Ministers Responsible for Housing to discuss important housing issues facing Canadians including the complex challenges around supply, affordability, and Canada's growing issue of homelessness.

Ministers discussed how to better align initiatives and programs while recognizing that addressing housing issues is not a one size fits all approach, and flexibility is required in program design and delivery to meet local needs. As partners in housing, Ministers committed to looking more closely at how they can better meet Canadians' needs through shared investments and increased flexibility within housing initiatives and agreements.

While in Ottawa, Ministers met with national Indigenous leaders and representatives to discuss shared housing priorities, including how governments can support Indigenous-led housing solutions to address the unique housing needs of Indigenous people.

Minister Makowsky also met with the federal Housing Minister to discuss pressures on shelters and transitional housing in Saskatchewan as well as fair federal funding commitments.