

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	2024 Summer Meeting of the Council of the Federation (COF)	
Location	Halifax, NS	
Date(s)	July 13 - 18, 2024	
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to Premier Moe Julie Leggott, Deputy Chief of Staff – Communications and Press Secretary to the Premier Ashley Knisley, Executive Assistant to Premier Moe	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the 2024 Summer Meeting of the Council of the Federation	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$5,993.94
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$125.97
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$7,110.10
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$804.00
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)		\$82.00
Subtotal		\$14,116.01
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		\$14,116.01

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Established in 2003, COF comprises the 13 Premiers of Canada's Provinces and Territories (PTs). It is a forum for managing PT relations with the federal government, reinforcing the work of sectoral forums, and providing leadership on issues of importance to Canadians.

The meeting was held in Halifax, NS and presented an opportunity to discuss the overall state of the Canadian Federation, including encroachment into PT jurisdiction and the value of governments working together to ensure the best outcomes for Canadians.

Saskatchewan attended the meeting with the primary objective of focusing on mutual areas of agreement such as working together on Canada-US relations. Saskatchewan also emphasized the importance of the federal government respecting PT jurisdiction and priorities. Saskatchewan stressed the need for federal actions to complement regional and local priorities.

Travel Activity

Canada's Premiers discussed several topics related to Federal-Provincial-Territorial relations, including housing, affordability, and skills training; strategic infrastructure; future of energy; emergency preparedness and response; health care; public safety; arctic security and sovereignty; Canada – United States (US) Relations; and Canada and the world.

Outcomes included two joint communiqués calling for federal partnership and action and focused on nine priority areas:

- 1) Addressing housing, affordability and skills training
- 2) Strategic infrastructure
- 3) Future of energy
- 4) Emergency preparedness and response
- 5) Health care
- 6) Public safety
- 7) Arctic security and sovereignty
- 8) Canada-US relations
- 9) Canada's place in the world

Premiers reiterated their commitment to these priorities within the federation and made specific calls on the federal government.

The communiqués are available on the COF website at:

<https://www.canadaspremiers.ca/summer-meeting-july-15-17-2024-halifax-nova-scotia/>.

The event included a closing press conference and various sessions of media availability.