

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Conference of Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Agriculture	
Location	Whitehorse, YT	
Date(s)	July 16 - 19, 2024	
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture James Cherewyk, Chief of Staff to Minister Marit Rick Burton, Deputy Minister, Agriculture Amy Standish, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the annual Agriculture Ministers FPT meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$4,140.37
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$94.00
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$2,700.90
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$270.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$1,600.00
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		\$8,805.27
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		\$8,805.27

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The purpose of the travel was to represent Saskatchewan at the annual Federal-Provincial-Territorial Conference of Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Agriculture. The meeting was an opportunity for Ministers, Deputies, and other officials to meet in-person and discuss mutual priorities and concerns that contribute to strengthening the Canadian agriculture and food industry and positioning our sector for success, growth, and sustainability. Topics included trade and market access, Business Risk Management, and the pesticide regulatory process.

Agriculture is a shared responsibility between the federal and provincial governments in Canada. Federal-Provincial-Territorial discussions are needed on an ongoing basis for many of the issues impacting the resiliency and future growth and competitiveness of the agriculture industry.

Travel Activity

This year's Annual Conference provided an opportunity for the Ministers, Deputies and Assistant Deputy Minister to discuss, provide direction and make decisions related to the pesticide regulatory process, Business Risk Management, trade and market access, animal disease preparedness, and the Grocery Sector Code of Conduct.

The communiqué from the meeting is available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/07/federal-provincial-and-territorial-ministers-of-agriculture-meet-to-advance-the-resilience-and-growth-of-the-sector.html>.