

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	Port of Vancouver meeting	
Location	Vancouver, BC	
Date(s)	July 20, 2024	
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture James Cherewyk, Chief of Staff to Minister Marit Amy Standish, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture	
Purpose of Travel	To meet with the Port of Vancouver to increase understanding of issues surrounding the movement of Saskatchewan’s products through the port	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)*		\$0.00
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$161.53
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,806.48
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$249.00
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		\$2,217.01
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		\$2,217.01

* Note: No flight costs are included for Minister Marit, James Cherewyk and Amy Standish as they stopped in Vancouver enroute back from the FPT meeting in Yukon. All flight costs for these officials were included in the Yukon trip report.

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The Port of Vancouver is Canada's largest port. It is administered by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and supports moving products safely to market in a competitive and timely way.

The Port of Vancouver plays a critical role in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan goals of increasing exports, primary crop production, and value-added processing. Efficient operation and access to port facilities is essential for Saskatchewan shippers to get their agricultural products to international markets as well as maintain and grow their global market share.

The purpose of the tour was to represent Saskatchewan, learn more about port operations and gain insights into intermodal transportation.

Travel Activity

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister to better understand the complexity of port operations and how Saskatchewan's agricultural products factor into that system. It was also an opportunity to engage in policy discussions and share priorities and concerns related to getting agricultural products to world markets.