

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Parks, Culture and Sport	
Title of Travel	2024 Annual Meetings of FPT Ministers and Deputy Ministers Responsible for Culture and Heritage	
Location	Whitehorse, YT	
Date(s)	May 14 - 18, 2024	
Participants	Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport (PCS) Drew Lombard, Chief of Staff to Minister Ross Dan French, Assistant Deputy Minister, Stewardship, PCS Jennifer Baillargeon, Senior Policy Analyst, Sport, Culture & Recreation, PCS	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the annual FPT Ministers Responsible for Culture and Heritage meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$4,065.11
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$100.27
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$4,464.00
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$715.00
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)		\$75.00
Subtotal		\$9,419.38
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		\$9,419.38

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Ross attended the Annual Meetings of FPT Ministers and Deputy Ministers responsible for Culture and Heritage. These meeting provide Ministers with an opportunity to identify culture and heritage priorities for their jurisdiction, and potential areas that may require future federal support and/or (F)PT consensus/collaboration. The agenda also provides time for Ministers to identify key PT priority discussion items to be included in the FPT Ministers meeting the following day.

Travel Activity

During her attendance at these meetings, Minister Ross:

- Ensured continued support/no objection for the Table to continue developing a new framework for the conservation of historic places in Canada commitment (by Deputy Ministers) to present a plan at the 2027 meeting;
- encouraged PTs to identify, prioritize and agree to sponsor PT-driven work plan items and projects for the Table including continued work on the SK-sponsored new collaborative framework for historic place conservation and Minister Ross also encouraged the Table to further the work BC has initiated on qualitative measures for the culture sector; and
- expressed Saskatchewan's disappointment in the decreases to Canadian Heritage programs and services, which will impact Saskatchewan organizations who receive grants through these same programs.