

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel
(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Trade and Export Development
Title of Travel	Minister's Mission to Minneapolis, MN, USA
Location	Minneapolis
Date(s)	February 10-11, 2025
Participants	Honourable Warren Kaeding, Minister of Trade and Export Development Ryan Cossitt, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Engagement, Trade and Export Development Drew Lombard, Chief of Staff to Minister Kaeding
Purpose of Travel	Advance SK's advocacy efforts in Minnesota and the U.S. in the energy and agriculture sectors, and advocate for free and fair trade during threats of tariffs from the U.S. Administration.
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$1,580.94
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$41.54
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)	\$858.77
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$176.01
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	\$2,657.26
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	\$2,657.26

Overview of Travel and Objectives

- The United States (U.S.) is SK's most important trading and investment partner. In 2024, SK exported \$26.7 billion (B) (58% of all exports) to the U.S and imported \$13.3B (81% of all imports) from the U.S.
- In 2023, Minnesota (MN) was SK's largest export destination in the U.S. (CAD\$4.2 billion). This value is larger than SK's exports to Brazil (CAD\$1.1 billion) in the same year – its largest export market after the U.S. and China. MN is also SK's fourth largest import state (CAD\$826.5 million).
 - Minnesota is also a member of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC), one of SK's key cross-border groups.

Mission objectives included:

- Engage with key stakeholders in MN to build and strengthen key relationships, ensuring SK continues to develop positive ties with U.S. stakeholders.
- Highlight the importance of the SK-MN trading relationship.
- Emphasize that maintaining open trade is in the interest of Canada and the U.S.

Travel Activity

While in Minneapolis, Minister Kaeding met with:

- Beth Richardson, Consul General of Canada in Minneapolis;
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;
- Thom Peterson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture;
- Various agriculture industry associations;
- Nutrien; and
- Grain Millers.