

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Advanced Education	
Title of Travel	Advisory Committee of Deputy Ministers of Education and Council of Ministers of Education Canada Meetings	
Location	Toronto, Ontario	
Date(s)	June 16-19, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Advanced Education Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education Mark Wyatt, Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education Josh Hack, Chief of Staff to Minister Cheveldayoff	
Purpose of Travel	External organizational review, relations with the federal government, Indigenous education, sustainability, quality and performance of the post-secondary education sector (attraction of domestic students) and discuss student readiness for postsecondary education and employment.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,164.88
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$300.59
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$4,191.02
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$375.00
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		\$7,031.49
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		\$7,031.49

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The purpose of the travel is to engage with other Post-Secondary Ministers and officials from across the country and the annual Council of Ministers Education, Canada (CMEC) conference.

This was an opportunity to bring up our concerns over the international student cap and bring Saskatchewan's point of view on the CMEC Review determining the future of the organization.

Travel Activity

We had a dinner with all ministers and deputy ministers where we had the opportunity to talk one on one with representatives from different provinces to hear what challenges and opportunities they are seeing in their provinces.

There were discussions about the CMEC review (which was not provided to anyone ahead of time) and how the organization should be structured moving forward.

A discussion on Labour market alignment and skills development across provinces and territories. This was an opportunity to showcase Saskatchewan's ability to work with our institutions who have been embracing our Growth Plan.

A discussion on international education in which there was a consensus on continued advocating with the federal government on the changes made in the international student cap. Also a discussion on the time it takes for permit approvals by the feds and how it is impacting institutions ability to recruit international students.

A guest speaker John Stackhouse spoke about the future of postsecondary education and How to navigate a changing landscape. This was really good presentation about how we need ensure our post-secondary institutions are adapting to this changing landscape and how provinces need to help in that process.

Presentations from Vector Institute, Google Canada and Apple on how AI can have a role in Education. They all had examples of how their products and technologies are being used by schools across the country.

The communiqué from the meeting is available at: <https://scics.ca/en/product-produit/provincial-and-territorial-ministers-of-education-discuss-shared-priorities-at-113th-cmec-meeting/>