

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Trade and Export Development	
Title of Travel	North American Strategy for Competitiveness (NASCO) 2025 Continental Reunion	
Location	Fort Worth, Texas	
Date(s)	April 3-5, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Travis Keisig, Minister of Environment, Saskatchewan Representative for NASCO Scott Hunter, Director of U.S. Relations, Trade and Export Development Kenneth Cotterill, Chief of Staff to Minister Keisig	
Purpose of Travel	Attend the 2025 NASCO Continental Reunion to promote Saskatchewan as a key partner with North America for food and energy security.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$5,466.64
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$282.36
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$3,525.22
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$971.16
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)		\$116.42
Subtotal		\$10,361.80
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		\$10,361.80

Overview of Travel and Objectives

- NASCO is a tri-national network of North American governments, businesses, and educational institutions and is driven by a common interest in collaboration along commercial corridors and trade networks.
 - The organization focuses on key issues such as the competitiveness of the North American supply chain, workforce, and energy sectors.
 - Members include the public and private sectors in Canada, the United States and Mexico.
- The United States (U.S.) is Saskatchewan's (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.
- Mexico is an important trading partner for SK – in 2024, SK exported about C\$637.6 million (M) of goods to Mexico. SK's top exports to Mexico were canola seed (C\$213.4M), canola oil (C\$96.9M), non-durum wheat (C\$84.9M), canary seed (C\$44.4M) and malt (C\$42.2M).

Mission objectives included:

- Conveying SK's importance in North American food and energy security.
- Emphasising how the tariffs will be harmful to both Canada/SK and the U.S., driving up prices of energy, food, and household necessities on both sides of the border.
- Participating in discussions with conference attendees and members of the NASCO board on North American tariffs and Canada/U.S./Mexico relations.
- Promoting SK as the host for the 2026 NASCO Continental Reunion in May 2026.

Travel Activity

While in Fort Worth, Minister Travis Keisig:

- Gave a keynote speech to emphasize the SK advantage and promote the 2026 NASCO Continental Reunion in SK.
- Met with the board of the Texas Farm Bureau, facilitated by Susan Harper, Consul General of Canada in Dallas, to highlight SK agriculture and the integrated supply chains of SK and the U.S.
- Met with the City of Arlington, which is home to several companies doing international business in Mexico and Canada, to discuss future investment opportunities.
- Had discussions with conference attendees and members of the NASCO board on Canada/U.S./Mexico relations.