

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

Ministry	Environment	
Title of Travel	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME)	
Location	Yellowknife, Northwest Territories	
Date(s)	July 2-July 4, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Travis Keisig, Minister of Environment Kevin France, Deputy Minister of Environment Kenneth Cotterill, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Environment	
Purpose of Travel	Annual Meeting of Ministers	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$3,361.79
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$20.86
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,440.00
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$288.00
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)		\$42.84
Subtotal		\$5,153.49
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		\$5,153.49

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Keisig, Deputy Minister France, and Chief of Staff Kenneth Cotterill travelled to the Northwest Territories to participate in the annual in-person meeting of the Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment (CCME). CCME is the primary minister-led intergovernmental forum for collective action on environmental issues of regional, national, and international interest, composed of the environment ministers from the federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) governments.

Travel Activity

On July 3, Ministers met with Indigenous leaders to discuss remediation and management of containment sites in the context of Indigenous reconciliation and climate change. Key themes included economic reconciliation, procurement opportunities for Indigenous communities and businesses, blending technical work with traditional knowledge, and respect, transparency and authentic partnerships.

On July 4, the Ministers reviewed the meeting with Indigenous leaders and engaged on further discussion on the differing structures and policies in place relating to procurement, economic reconciliation and remediation of contaminated sites across the country.

The remainder of the day focused on sharing best practices and approaches to a variety of themes including contaminated sites, climate change and reconciliation, air quality, climate change adaptation and resilience, and extended producer responsibility. Saskatchewan joined FPT colleagues to endorse the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards, highlighted the work being done in Saskatchewan to expand the amount of irrigation infrastructure, and suggested exploring federal tools to better support PTs during wildfire emergencies.

The meeting concluded with a press conference and a joint communiqué.

The communiqué from the meeting is available at: <https://scics.ca/en/product-produit/environnement-ministers-discussed-the-relationship-among-contaminated-sites-climate-change-and-reconciliation-air-quality-and-other-environmental-priorities/>