

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

Ministry	Government Relations	
Title of Travel	Meeting of Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government	
Location	Saint John, New Brunswick	
Date(s)	June 22-26, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Eric Schmalz, Minister of Government Relations Iryna Soloduk, Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Finance, Government Relations Andrea Ulrich, Executive Director Policy and Program Services, Government Relations Ryan Bellamy, Chief of Staff to Minister Schmalz	
Purpose of Travel	To attend Meeting of Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$5,318.36
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$0.00
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$3,307.46
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$859.00
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		\$9,484.82
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		\$9,484.82

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government met in Saint John June 25-26, 2025, to discuss areas of common interest, such as local infrastructure needs and challenges associated with housing and growth.

Travel Activity

Executive Directors Andrea Ulrich and Iryna Soloduk travelled to the east coast in late June with Minister Eric Schmalz and Chief of Staff Ryan Bellamy to attend the *Meeting of the Table of Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government*.

This annual meeting is held over several days, with this year's meeting held in St. John, New Brunswick. Executive Directors met with other staff delegates on June 24, while the meetings attended by Minister Schmalz and other ministers started June 25 and wrapped up the following day.

According to the meeting summary posted by the Province of New Brunswick, ministers and delegates “discussed areas of common interest, such as local infrastructure needs and challenges associated with housing and growth. They also shared key initiatives undertaken by their respective ministries over the past year to address local government priorities, including local governance and municipal capacity challenges.”

Ministers and delegates also met with the Honourable Gregor Robertson, the federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, and reiterated the need for initiatives to align with provincial and territorial government priorities. Ministers emphasized the exclusive jurisdiction of their governments in local and municipal matters and restated the importance of the need for early engagement with provinces and territories during the design phase of programs regarding municipalities. Ministers also noted federal infrastructure initiatives must recognize the different needs of diverse communities in each province and territory and contribute to sustainability.