

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

Ministry	Social Services	
Title of Travel	Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meetings	
Location	Vancouver, British Columbia	
Date(s)	September 7-8, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Terry Jenson, Minister of Social Services Richelle Bourgoin, Deputy Minister of Social Services Brittany Csada, CEO of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Dawn Kobayashi, Chief of Staff to Minister Jenson	
Purpose of Travel	Meeting of FPT Ministers Responsible for Housing and Homelessness; and Bilateral meeting with Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,987.38
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$212.18
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,588.08
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$342.00
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)		\$111.00
Subtotal		\$5,240.64
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		\$5,240.64

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Attend the Meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Ministers Responsible for Housing and Homelessness in Vancouver, British Columbia from September 7-8, 2025. The objectives of the meeting were to discuss current housing priorities and opportunities for enhanced collaboration; to explore the future of FPT partnership following the expiry of current National Housing Strategy (NHS) bilateral agreements in 2028; and to strengthen relationships across housing and homelessness portfolios. FPT Ministers discussed updates on several federal housing initiatives, the launch of Build Canada Homes, options for the renewal of bilateral funding agreements post-NHS, and PT priorities and initiatives.

A public FPT communiqué was released (<https://www.canada.ca/en/housing-infrastructure-communities/news/2025/09/ministers-working-together-to-tackle-key-housing-and-homelessness-issues.html>) highlighting outcomes from the meeting, notably a commitment from Ministers to “renewing the federal, provincial and territorial partnership to ensure ongoing support for affordable housing” post-NHS agreements.

Travel Activity

At the FPT meeting, Ministers discussed the launch of Build Canada Homes (BCH), outlining how the new federal entity should best support PT and local priorities. Minister Jenson highlighted Saskatchewan’s position that BCH should not introduce additional bureaucracy to supporting new affordable housing development, and that the province is best placed to identify new projects in the short- to long-term in collaboration with existing community, Indigenous, and municipal partners.

Ministers further discussed the critical need to renew funding agreements post-NHS, and to begin this work quickly. Minister Jenson outlined Saskatchewan’s housing needs that should be addressed with post-NHS agreements.

During a roundtable discussion, PT Ministers shared success stories and progress on initiatives aimed at increasing the availability of affordable housing and responding to homelessness. Minister Jenson highlighted the province’s investments to address homelessness, successful partnerships with Indigenous and community organizations, and Government of Saskatchewan initiatives to improve housing affordability and supply.

While in Vancouver, Minister Jenson met bilaterally with federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Gregor Robertson to Saskatchewan-specific priorities including the impacts of wildfires in the province.