

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

Ministry	Education
Title of Travel	Provincial-Territorial and Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers' Meetings on Early Learning and Child Care
Location	Ottawa, Ontario
Date(s)	January 28-30, 2026
Participants	Honourable Everett Hindley, Minister of Education Clint Repski, Deputy Minister of Education Caelan McIntyre, Chief of Staff to Minister Hindley
Purpose of Travel	To participate in the Provincial-Territorial and Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers' meetings on Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC).
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$4,672.71
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$127.54
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)	\$1,473.30
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$416.00
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)	\$135.00
Subtotal	\$6,824.55
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	\$6,824.55

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The main objective of the Minister's participation and attendance at the Provincial-Territorial (PT) and later the Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) meetings, was to gather information from childcare systems in other provinces and territories and share the success of Saskatchewan's experience.

In November of 2025, Minister Hindley was pleased to join the Federal government in announcing the signing of the ELCC extension agreement for another five years. It was important to share the Saskatchewan perspective at these meetings and understand how other jurisdictions negotiations went or were going.

The FPT portion of these meetings was more discussions with the federal government on how all jurisdictions can ensure the long-term sustainability of the program.

Travel Activity

- Minister Hindley met with Ministers most responsible for Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) from all provinces and territories.
 - Discussed how ELCC agreement negotiations went in each jurisdiction.
 - Discussed accomplishments and challenges with the Federal ELCC system.
- Minister Hindley met with the Federal Minister responsible for Child Care along with all PTs.
 - Discussed accomplishments and challenges with the ELCC system.
 - Discussed potential solutions for how to ensure long-term sustainability of the ELCC system.
 - Discussed several other multilateral priorities such as next steps and workforce strategy.
 - As well as a presentation from the Federal government on progress on the data and indicators sub-working group.

There was also a Dinner for the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Forum Deputy Ministers Steering Committee.

After the meetings finished, the FPT Minister's released a joint communique that can be found here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2026/01/federal-provincial-and-territorial-ministers-most-responsible-for-early-learning-and-child-care-meet-to-discuss-progress-made-and-the-sustainabilit.html>