

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

Ministry	Government Relations	
Title of Travel	Provincial Priorities Meeting	
Location	Ottawa, Ontario	
Date(s)	September 30-October 3, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Eric Schmalz, Minister of Government Relations Laurier Donais, Deputy Minister of Government Relations Ryan Bellamy, Chief of Staff to Minister Schmalz Zach Bachmann, Ministerial Assistant to Minister Schmalz	
Purpose of Travel	Provincial, Municipal Governments Ready to Partner with Federal Government in Cost-Shared Infrastructure Program.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$5,742.24
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$134.74
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$3,905.04
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$910.00
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)		\$59.00
Subtotal		\$10,751.02
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		\$10,751.02

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Travel to Ottawa alongside representatives from seven Saskatchewan cities and leaders from the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA).

The delegation met with federal leaders to advocate for the restoration of cost-shared infrastructure investment programs, following the full subscription of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

Discussions focused on the urgent need for new federal-provincial infrastructure funding, particularly for water and wastewater projects, to support housing development and accommodate Saskatchewan's continued population growth.

Travel Activity

- Meeting with Saskatchewan Members of Parliament.
- Meeting with the Secretary of State for Rural Development.
- Networking event with Saskatchewan delegation members, including SUMA and SARM representatives.
- Meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities.
- Additional meetings with federal housing and infrastructure officials.
- Advancing Saskatchewan's position on the need for renewed federal-provincial cost-shared infrastructure investment programs following the full subscription of ICIP.
- Highlighting the critical role of water and wastewater infrastructure in supporting housing development and accommodating population growth.
- Strengthening relationships with federal officials, municipal leaders, and sector partners.
- Supporting Saskatchewan's priorities related to infrastructure investment, housing supply, and sustainable community growth, while reinforcing intergovernmental and municipal partnerships.