

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

Ministry	Highways	
Title of Travel	Council of Ministers	
Location	Vancouver, British Columbia	
Date(s)	February 18-20, 2026	
Participants	Honourable Kim Gartner, Minister of Highways Kyle Toffan, Deputy Minister of Highways Keenan Boutilier, Chief of Staff to Minister Gartner	
Purpose of Travel	Participate in the annual meeting of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,655.51
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$103.45
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$2,876.07
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$347.00
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		\$5,982.03
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		\$5,982.03

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The objective of Minister Gartner's participation and attendance at the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety was to share information with other FPTs and gather information of key agenda items including the structure of future federal funding programs for transportation.

The Government of Saskatchewan supports the request for streamlined and prioritized federal funding processes that accelerate project delivery and reduce infrastructure costs.

Reducing trade and transportation barriers are important for Saskatchewan's export-based economy and this was a focus of the meetings.

Travel Activity

- Toured the Port of Vancouver and discussions with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- Meeting with National Indigenous Organizations.
- Minister discussed areas such as safety and accessibility, missing and murdered indigenous women and girls and, accessible transportation.
- Federal updates on the budget, Major Projects Office, flight duty times and approach bans and airport zoning regulations.
- Discussion on the \$8B+ High Speed Rail line from Toronto to Quebec City and how this is a priority for Canada and needed improvements to trade and transport.
- Supply chains and the state of Canada's transportation system.
- Labour relations in the transportation sector and transportation funding.
- Road safety - "Driver Inc" and the impacts on road safety, truck collisions with overhead structures and dash cams in commercial vehicles.
- Transportation system overall in Canada, including an Interprovincial Trucking MOU.
- Delivery of infrastructure programs, procurement models, and Buy Canada policies.