

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

Ministry	Executive Council
Title of Travel	Mission to the United States (U.S.)
Location	New York, NY and Washington, D.C.
Date(s)	June 5-10, 2022
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to the Premier Julie Leggott, Deputy Chief of Staff, Communications and Press Secretary to the Premier Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development (TED) Kevin France, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Competitiveness, TED Rod Balkwill, Executive Director, Treasury Management, Finance (New York only)
Purpose of Travel	To advance Saskatchewan's interests in trade and investment, food and energy security in the U.S.
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$7,738.97
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains and buses)	\$2,008.84
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)	\$11,003.90
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$860.20
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)	\$1,156.19
Subtotal	\$22,768.10
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)	\$3,189.56
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$3,189.56
TOTAL	\$25,957.66

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Saskatchewan is one of the most trade-oriented provinces within Canada, and the U.S. is our most important trading partner. In 2021, Saskatchewan exported US\$15.8 billion (B) (53% of all exports) to the U.S and imported US\$7.1B (82% of all imports) from the U.S.

It is critical that the Government of Saskatchewan builds and maintains relationships and contacts in the U.S., particularly as the Province focuses on economic recovery from the pandemic.

With the ongoing conflict in eastern Europe and related sanctions against Russia impacting global food and energy supply and prices, the province stands as a trusted U.S. ally. Saskatchewan is a trade and investment partner with a stable political environment, strong fiscal position, business-friendly climate and environmentally sound practices across all sectors.

Mission objectives included:

- showcasing Saskatchewan as a preferred destination for investment in meetings with potential investors;
- expanding Saskatchewan's visibility in international capital markets through meetings with senior bank executives;
- highlighting Saskatchewan's strengths as it relates to energy, mining and food security through meetings with Members of Congress and the U.S. Administration;
- expressing support for returning land border ports to their full hours of operation;
- underscoring the integrated nature of supply chains between Canada/Saskatchewan and the U.S.; and,
- promoting Saskatchewan's ability to provide energy and environmental solutions for Canada and the U.S.'s climate ambitions.

Travel Activity

While in New York, Premier Moe:

- provided a keynote presentation as part of the Canadian Association of New York Luncheon;
- met with the Acting Consulate General of Canada in New York;
- met with senior executives from four investment banks to promote Saskatchewan's strong fiscal position including:
 - Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC);
 - Bank of Nova Scotia;
 - Toronto Dominion (TD) Securities; and
 - Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Capital Market.
- met with equity finance companies and private institutions, including:
 - Blackstone Infrastructure;
 - Continental Grain Company;
 - Crestview Partners;
 - Emerald Development Managers;
 - iCON Infrastructure;

- Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation; and,
- Waterous Energy Fund.

In Washington, Premier Moe met with:

- Current and former Members of Congress, including:
 - Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC);
 - Representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC);
 - Representative Kelly Armstrong (R-ND);
 - Representative Matt Rosendale (R-MT);
 - Representative Mike Doyle (D-PA);
 - Former Representative Ron Klink (D-PA);
 - Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA);
 - Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV);
 - Senator John Hoeven (R-ND);
 - Senator Jon Tester (D-MT);
 - Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND);
 - Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC); and,
 - Senator Steve Daines (R-MT).
- The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, Julie Cerqueira.

Premier Moe also conducted interviews with CBC Power and Politics and Business News Network.