

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

Ministry	Environment	
Title of Travel	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Meeting	
Location	Whitehorse, YT	
Date(s)	August 29-September 1, 2022	
Participants	Honourable Dana Skoropad, Minister of Environment Wes Kotyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Christine Rathwell, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister, Environment Jeremy Brick, Director of External Relations, Executive Council Trevor Holloway, Senior Intergovernmental Officer, Executive Council	
Purpose of Travel	To attend Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$6,410.36
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$99.52
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$3,710.00
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$485.00
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)		\$60.00
	Subtotal	\$10,764.88
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	\$10,764.88

Overview of Travel and Objectives

This conference was the first in-person meeting in three years amongst the federal, provincial and territorial ministers of the Environment. This meeting was an opportunity to have yearly meetings amongst Ministers once again, for Ministers to share best practices across their jurisdictions along with discussing ideas and solutions to improve the environment across the country.

Travel Activity

During the meetings, the Ministers:

- Expressed concern over federal policies that label plastics as toxic;
- Shared different approaches to respond to a changing climate;
- Discussed the importance of affordability for households while reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- Met Indigenous leaders to discuss climate change; and
- Discussed lower-carbon solutions, such as small modular reactors, carbon capture and storage, wind and solar.

As a result of the meeting, the Ministers also released [*A Roadmap to Strengthen the Management of Single-use and Disposable Plastics*](#) (the roadmap) as part of CCME's continued implementation of the [*Canada-wide Action Plan on Zero Plastic Waste*](#).