

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

Ministry	Immigration and Career Training	
Title of Travel	Forum of Minister’s Responsible for Immigration Annual Meeting	
Location	Saint John, NB	
Date(s)	July 26–29, 2022	
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Immigration and Career Training Grant McLellan, Chief of Staff to Minister Harrison Clint Repski, Deputy Minister of Immigration and Career Training	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the FMRI Annual Meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$4,573.42
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$65.20
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,418.80
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$303.00
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		\$6,360.42
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		\$6,360.42

## Overview of Travel and Objectives

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The Forum of Minister's Responsible for Immigration (FMRI) is a decision-making body made up of all federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) governments with the goal of supporting a flexible, timely and effective immigration system for Canada. FPT ministers meet annually through the Forum. It is important that the Government of Saskatchewan participate in meetings through the Forum and engage with the federal and other provincial/territorial governments to share information and discuss important issues and priorities as it relates to immigration and Canada's humanitarian commitments.

The objective of the 2022 annual FMRI meeting was to plan for the future of Canada's immigration system, as the FMRI hasn't met in-person since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular:

- Examine the progress made towards achieving the [FPT Strategic Plan for Immigration \(SPI\) 2020-2023](#).
- Consider opportunities for the future of immigration to Canada and initiatives to respond to pan-Canadian labour shortages;
- Discuss Canada's immigration response to the full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; and
- Discuss FPT measures to attract immigrants to meet labour market and demographic needs, and recent settlement and integration efforts.

The in-person meeting also provided the Government of Saskatchewan an opportunity to present a proposal for the new *Saskatchewan Immigration Accord* to the federal government, as the Government of Saskatchewan pushes for more autonomy over immigration to the province, to be more responsive to its economic needs and to address gaps in the labour market.

### Travel Activity:

Minister Harrison met with other FPT Ministers Responsible for Immigration and engaged in meaningful discussions on the current and future state of Canada's Immigration System.

The Minister highlighted issues and priorities of importance to Saskatchewan, including faster processing times; greater FPT collaboration on temporary resident settlement services, immigration policies, programs and pathways to transition from a temporary status to permanent residency; and multi-year provincial nominee program planning. Minister Harrison emphasized that the Government of Saskatchewan is better positioned to select immigrants based on its knowledge of local labour market needs and its relationship with employers.

Minister Harrison also used this opportunity to present to the federal government, a detailed proposal that would give Saskatchewan similar authorities over immigration that have long been guaranteed to the Province of Quebec. The new *Saskatchewan Immigration Accord* would give Saskatchewan sole authority to select economic and family class immigrants to the province; a transfer of federal resources for the delivery of settlement services to the Government of Saskatchewan; and a guaranteed provincial allocation of nominees each year that would be proportionate to the population of Saskatchewan within Canada. Ultimately this new agreement will enable the province to ensure that its immigration strategy is meeting the needs of Saskatchewan employers and improving the outcomes for newcomers.