

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Premier's Mission to Washington	
Location	Washington, D.C., USA	
Date(s)	April 3 - 6, 2017	
Participants	Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan Reg Downs, Senior Advisor to the Premier Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	
Purpose of Travel	Ensure Saskatchewan's economic interests in the United States (U.S.) are protected and advanced, and emphasize the significance of the Canada-U.S. relationship.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$2,235.61
Ground Travel (including taxis and parking)		\$76.85
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$5,582.93
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$461.53
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, and other sundry expenditures)		n/a
	Subtotal	\$8,356.92
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		n/a
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		n/a
	Subtotal	\$0
	TOTAL	\$8,356.92

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The U.S. is by far Saskatchewan's (SK) largest and most important trading partner – 49% of SK's total exports (valued at \$12.9 billion) were sold into this market in 2016.

Premier Brad Wall travelled to Washington, D.C. to promote the critical importance of Canada's and SK's trade relationship with the U.S.

Premier Wall met with key members of President Donald Trump's new Administration and Congressional leaders to:

- emphasize the benefits of maintaining open trade with Canada and reinforce the integrated nature of North American supply chains;
- highlight the benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for both Canada and the U.S.;
- discuss the negative economic impacts of any future protectionist policies (i.e., Border Adjustment Tax [BAT], Buy American, country-of-origin labelling);
- explain the need for a new softwood lumber agreement;
- reinforce our shared interest in North American energy security and independence, and the importance of the Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline; and,
- promote SK's global leadership on carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Travel Activity:

During the three-day mission, Premier Wall met with members of the new U.S. Administration including:

- Secretary of Energy Rick Perry;
- Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross;
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt;
- White House Director of the Office of Management and Budget Mick Mulvaney; and,
- Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere John Melle.

12 Members of Congress (Republicans and Democrats) to profile the mutually beneficial economic relationship that exists between Canada and the U.S., including:

- Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA);
- Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV);
- Senator John McCain (R-AZ);
- Senator Lindsay Graham (R-SC);
- Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI);
- Senator Steve Daines (R-MT);
- Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND);
- Senator Tim Scott (R-SC);
- Representative Kevin Cramer (R-ND);
- Representative Peter Roskam (R-IL);
- Representative Trey Gowdy (R-SC) and
- House of Representatives Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA).

The Premier also met with the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. David MacNaughton and delivered a keynote address and participated in a panel discussion on trade at the Heritage Foundation, the U.S.' largest and most broadly-supported conservative think tank.