

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Western Governors' Association (WGA) 2017 Annual Meeting	
Location	Whitefish, Montana, USA	
Date(s)	June 25 - 27, 2017	
Participants	Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan Ed Carleton, Chief of Staff to the Premier, Saskatoon Cabinet Office Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	
Purpose of Travel	Ensure Saskatchewan's (SK) economic interests in the United States (U.S.) are protected and advanced, and emphasize the significance of the Canada/SK-U.S. relationship, particularly as it relates to western U.S. states.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		n/a
Ground Travel (including taxis and parking)		\$1,046.90
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$2,143.74
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$493.69
Conference and Registration Fees		\$2,497.23
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, and other sundry expenditures)		n/a
	Subtotal	\$6,181.56
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	\$6,181.56

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Premier Brad Wall travelled to Whitefish, Montana to attend the WGA 2017 Annual Meeting and to promote the critical importance of Canada's and Saskatchewan's trade relationship with the U.S.

Premier Wall emphasized the following:

- the benefits to the U.S. of maintaining open trade with Canada and reinforced the integrated nature of North American supply chains;
- the importance of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to Canada and the U.S.;
- the negative economic impacts of any future protectionist policies (i.e., Border Adjustment Tax, Buy American, country-of-origin labelling);
- reinforce our shared interest in North American energy security and independence, and the importance of the Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline; and,
- promote Saskatchewan's global leadership on carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Travel Activity:

While in Whitefish, the Premier attended a breakfast meeting hosted by the Canada West Foundation (CWF). The discussion focused on planned future engagement in the U.S. and provincial priorities. Other participants included representatives from the Government of Canada (the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S., Consul General of Canada in Denver, and the Canadian Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs) and government officials from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Premier Wall also held bilateral meetings with:

- Wyoming Governor Matt Mead;
- Montana Governor Steve Bullock; and,
- North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum.

The Premier also delivered remarks and participated in a roundtable with western governors focused on "Connecting Canada with the West" (alongside Canada's Ambassador to the U.S., David MacNaughton) to discuss common issues such as economic development, forest management, energy (including KXL and CCS) and bilateral trade between Canada and the U.S., with a particular focus on the relationship of western states with Canada.

Attendance at this meeting also created an opportunity for the Premier to strengthen relations with other governors in attendance including: Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper; Hawaii Governor David Ige; Idaho Governor Butch Otter; Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval; Northern Mariana Islands Ralph Torres; South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard; and Utah Governor Gary Herbert.