

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

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Canada Day at the Capitol Event	
Location	Des Moines, Iowa, USA	
Date(s)	March 14 - 16, 2017	
Participants	Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan James Parker, Senior Communications Advisor	
Purpose of Travel	To promote the critical importance of Canada's (and Saskatchewan's) trade relationship with the United States (USA) and Iowa, and take part in a "Canada Day at the Capitol".	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees) *additional cost to be added once invoice is received – charter service was used to get to Des Moines because commercial flights were cancelled due to weather		\$848.06*
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$216.10
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$734.01
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$199.71
Conference & Registration Fees		n/a
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, and other sundry expenditures)		n/a
	Subtotal	\$1,997.88
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, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		n/a
	Subtotal	\$0
	TOTAL	\$1,997.88

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Premier Brad Wall travelled to Des Moines, Iowa at the request of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to promote the critical importance of Canada's and Saskatchewan's trade relationship with the United States. Our country is the number one export market for 32 states, including Iowa. An estimated 100,000 jobs in Iowa depend on trade and investment with Canada. Saskatchewan (SK) exporters shipped US\$355 million worth of goods to Iowa last year, primarily potash, oats, canola oil and live swine.

While at the state capital, Premier Wall addressed the Iowa Senate and the Iowa House of Representatives. He also met with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds; Linda Upmeyer, Speaker, Iowa House of Representatives; Representative Terry Baxter, Chair of the Joint Senate-House International Relations Committee; Senator Jack Whitver, President of the Iowa Senate; and Senator Bill Dix, Senator Majority Leader. The Premier also participated in a roundtable discussion with state agricultural organizations and he spoke at an evening reception attended by more than 100 business, government and academic representatives.

Premier Wall emphasized:

- the benefits and importance to Iowa and the USA of maintaining open trade with Canada;
- the success of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);
- the integrated supply chains between Canada and the USA and the importance of an efficient border in maximizing our complimentary economic relationship; and,
- the linkages between SK and Iowa and the opportunities for increased collaboration.