

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers/Deputy Ministers of Agriculture Annual Conference	
Location	Calgary, Alberta	
Date(s)	July 20 – 22, 2016	
Participants	Honourable Lyle Stewart, Minister of Agriculture Ashley Anderson, Chief of Staff Rick Burton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Shawn Jaques, President/CEO of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) Bill Greuel, Assistant Deputy Minister Lee Auten, Assistant Deputy Minister	
Purpose of Travel	Annual meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Agriculture to exchange information and ideas regarding the agriculture industry	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$1,918.96
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$552.45
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$4,471.79
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$435.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$2,100.00
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	\$9,478.20
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 (meeting room)		\$378.00
	Subtotal	\$378.00
	TOTAL	\$9,856.20

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The Annual Conference provided an opportunity for the Ministers and Deputy Ministers to discuss issues facing the agriculture sector. The meetings provided a format for discussion of various issues facing provinces and regions such as trade, rail transportation, the next agriculture policy framework, social license and environmental and climate change issues. The primary result of the Annual Conference was the issuance of the Calgary Statement – representing a consensus among Ministers regarding the key priorities to develop the next agricultural policy framework, set to launch in April 2018.

As well as the scheduled agenda items additional meetings were held with the Western Canadian delegations and industry groups.