

International Travel Final Report

Premier Rachel Notley's Mission to Washington, D.C.

April 27-29, 2016



Overview:

The Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta, traveled to Washington, D.C., to establish links with the U.S. government and provide an update on Alberta's progress on the Climate Leadership Plan. The mission also provided opportunities to advance new green technologies and promote the province as a responsible energy producer and partner in innovation and value-added products.

Mission Objectives:

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below:

1. Engage with U.S. government agencies and opinion leaders to raise awareness of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan and the role provinces play in Canada's efforts to achieve its climate objectives.
2. Highlight Alberta's economic plan and efforts to put climate policy at the center of economic policy to drive opportunity in new sectors and ensure the competitiveness of Alberta's energy economy.
3. Introduce the Premier and Alberta's new approach to U.S. engagement.

Results:

The Premier met with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to share Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan and discuss how governments can support energy economies in times of low energy prices. She also briefed the White House Council on Environmental Quality on the Climate Leadership Plan. White House officials welcomed Alberta's new approach to climate policy and noted that Alberta's leadership on methane reduction will help shape international efforts.

Meetings were also held with representatives from the Center for American Progress, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Atlantic Council – three of the most influential think tanks on energy and climate issues – to discuss Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan. All of these organizations welcomed Alberta's efforts and provided advice on how Alberta can best position its energy economy to work with the U.S. towards economic growth and emissions reductions.

Premier Notley delivered a public lecture at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies where she outlined how Alberta developed its Climate Leadership Plan and highlighted the province's commitment to support Canada-U.S. and regional efforts to develop a climate and energy agreement that provides a framework for emissions reduction and energy development.

In a meeting with the Canadian Ambassador to the United States, David MacNaughton, the Premier discussed the future of Canada's relationship with the U.S. and agreed to work closely with the federal government to advance Alberta's economic interests on issues such as energy and softwood lumber.

Delegation:

- Premier Rachel Notley
- Brian Topp, Chief of Staff to the Premier
- Cheryl Oates, Press Secretary to the Premier
- Parm Kahlon, Executive Assistant to the Premier
- Marcia Nelson, Deputy Minister of Executive Council
- Accompanying Security
- Advance Security

Final Itinerary for Premier Notley

| Date | Event |
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| Wednesday, April 27 | Traveled to Washington, D.C. |
| Thursday, April 28 | Meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski |
| | Meeting with Ambassador MacNaughton |
| | Meeting with the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Atlantic Council |
| | Meeting with the Council on Environmental Quality |
| | Meeting with Center for American Progress |
| Friday, April 29 | Speech at the Thomas O. Enders Memorial Lecture, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies |
| | Meeting with IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates |
| | Returned to Alberta |

Significant Speeches/Presentations:

- [Lecture on Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan](#) – April 28, 2016

News Releases/Communiques:

- [Premier Notley to promote climate leadership and economic diversification in Washington, D.C.](#)

International Travel Final Expenses

| Expenditures by Participants | Amount |
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| Travel (includes airfare, airport service fees, ground transportation costs, including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, buses as well as mileage to/from airport or taxis to/from airport in Alberta, including any cancellation fees) | \$15,848.58 |
| Accommodation (room charges and related taxes, including any cancellation fees) | \$7,120.25 |
| Meals (includes restaurant bills and tips, meals on hotel bills, per diem meal claims, share of group meals or working sessions) | \$1,213.72 |
| Incidental and Miscellaneous (includes cell phone rental charges, incremental costs for all electronic devices such as roaming charges for cell phones, iPads and costs associated with communications such as the costs incurred for media call-backs, conference/registration fees, including cancellation fees, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, baggage handling, out-of-country per diems, and other sundry expenditures) | \$588.21 |
| Sub-Total | \$24,770.76 |
| General Mission Expenditures | Amount |
| Receptions and Hosting (receptions, luncheons, dinners, and events that are hosted by the Government of Alberta that are specific to the mission and include meeting related costs for room rental, room rental for hosted events, food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, entertainment, flowers) | \$449.74 |
| Incidental and Miscellaneous (includes translation of documents fees, publications, shipping charges, gifts purchased specifically for mission, Canadian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate charges for services provided to the GOA) | \$0.0 |
| Sub-Total | \$449.74 |
| Total Costs | \$25,220.50 |