

# International Travel Final Report

Minister Shannon Phillips  
Mission to Minneapolis, Minnesota  
December 6 to 8, 2017



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## Overview:

Minister Shannon Phillips led a mission to Minneapolis, Minnesota from December 6 to 8, 2017 where she promoted Alberta's investment opportunities, discussed the province's strong regulatory framework, pipeline safety, and shared the achievements of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives, as outlined below.

## Mission Objectives:

- Sharing the success of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan since 2015.
- Promoting the investment opportunities that the Climate Leadership Plan is creating, and the attractiveness of Alberta as an investment destination.
- Strengthening the relationships that Alberta enjoys with Minnesota partners.
- Meeting with industry and union representatives to share information and learn more about local issues related to Alberta.
- Finding out more about Minnesota's near and long-term ambitions on climate change and economic development.

## Results:

- Minister Phillips attended the Jobs for Minnesota dinner, where she met with industry and union representatives to share information about Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan and learn more about local issues related to Alberta.
- Minister Phillips met with John Linc Stine, Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, to share progress on the Climate Leadership Plan and discuss Minnesota's approach to climate change.
- Minister Phillips met with Jessica Looman, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, to discuss Alberta's view that Alberta oil is the best regulated and most responsibly-produced energy available to Minnesota.
- Minister Phillips met with Kate Knuth, City of Minneapolis Chief Resiliency Officer.
- The University of Minnesota Institute on Environment hosted "Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan: A conversation with Minister Shannon Phillips," where Minister Phillips spoke about Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan and the steps the Alberta government is taking to drive innovation and reduce the environmental footprint of energy production. Following her presentation, the minister participated in a panel discussion on energy policy with J. Drake Hamilton of Fresh Energy and Steve MacDonald of Emissions Reduction Alberta, moderated by Steve Kelley of the University of Minnesota.
- Minister Phillips met with Minnesota State Representative Rick Hansen, Minority Lead, House Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

- Minister Phillips met with Paul Connors, Canada's Acting Consul General to Minneapolis, to discuss local political dynamics and broader Canada-US issues.
- Minister Phillips participated in a media interview with Matthew Lambert of AgriNews on Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan, what farmers have to say about renewable energy, and what steps Canada is taking toward renewable energy.
- Minister Phillips participated in a media interview with Frank Jossi of Midwest Energy News to discuss Canada's leadership in environmental management, sustainable energy and clean technology.
- Minister Phillips participated in a media interview with Tom Weber of Minnesota Public Radio where she discussed Alberta's climate leadership, Indigenous engagement and energy partnerships.

#### **Delegation:**

- Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks and Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office
- Brent Dancey, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office

#### **Final Itinerary for Minister Shannon Phillips:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday, December 6	Travelled from Calgary to Minneapolis, Minn., Attended Jobs for Minnesota dinner
Thursday, December 7	Meeting with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Meeting with Minnesota Department of Commerce Meeting with City of Minneapolis Presented at University of Minnesota's Institute on Environment event, "Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan: A Conversation with Minister Shannon Phillips," followed by panel discussion on energy policy Meeting with Canada's Acting Consul General to Minneapolis
Friday, December 8	Travel from Minneapolis, Minn., to Calgary

#### **Significant Speeches/Presentations:**

- Minister Shannon Phillips – Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan: A conversation with Minister Shannon Phillips on Thursday, December 7, 2017

#### **News Releases/Communiques:**

- [Building markets and relationships with Minnesota](#) – December 5, 2017

## International Travel Final Expenses

<b>Expenditures by Participants – Minnesota Dec 2017</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Travel</b> (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)	\$2,137.25
<b>Accommodation</b> (room charges and related taxes, including any cancellation fees)	\$938.38
<b>Meals</b> (includes restaurant bills and tips, meals on hotel bills, per diem meal claims, share of group meals or working sessions)	\$161.98
<b>Incidental and Miscellaneous</b> (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)	\$255.24
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$3,492.85</b>
<b>General Mission Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Receptions and Hosting</b> (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)	
<b>Incidental and Miscellaneous</b> (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)	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$3,492.85</b>