

In March 2009, Minister Dempsey represented the Irish Government for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Canada and he was accompanied by his Private Secretary. Details of expenses incurred by Minister Dempsey are laid out in the table below along with the itinerary for this trip.

Flight costs	€2,236.63
Hotel costs	€485.50
Gifts	€189

Visit by Minister Noel Dempsey, T.D. Toronto, 12 - 18 March, 2009 - Programme

Thursday 12 March

21.35 Minister & Private Secretary arrive in Toronto

Friday 13 March

- 09.15 Meeting with representative from Enterprise Ireland
Fairmont Hotel
- 10.15 Irish Community Radio Interview
Fairmont Hotel
- 10.30 Meeting with Air Canada, Maxine Hurter, Manager, International Facilitation
Fairmont Hotel
- 11.45 Ireland Fund pre-lunch Reception – Minister is guest of honour
North Tower, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front Street West
- 12.30 Ireland Fund St Patrick's Day Lunch – Address by Minister
Over 1,000 business & community leaders in attendance including key decision makers from the political, business, media and legal world.
- 15.30 Visit to Ireland Park

Ireland Park honours the Irish immigrants who fled during the Famine of 1847 and the 38,000 who arrived in Toronto.
- 19.00 Delegation Dinner and Briefing with Ambassador

Saturday 14 March

- 18.30 Grand Marshall's Ball Reception & Dinner – Address by Minister
Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street

Sunday 15 March

- 09.00 Mass
- 10.30 Pre-Parade Breakfast Reception
Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street
- 11.00 Interview with local Radio
- 12.00 Toronto St Patrick's Day Parade
- 14.00 Minister meets and greets participants and people attending the parade
- 15.30 Visit to Emerald Isle Seniors Society

Monday 16 March

- 08.15 Enterprise Ireland Business Breakfast – Minister gives key address
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
- 09.30 Meetings with key EI Clients and their Canadian Customers
Fairmont Royal York Hotel (Room TBC)
- 11.00 Meeting with Senior Executives from the Bank of Montreal
First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West
- 15.00 Meeting with Celtic Studies Programme, University of Toronto

Tuesday 17 March

- 08.10 Interview with Canada AM
- 10.00 St Patrick's Day Mass
- 12.30 Tourism Ireland Lunch & Media Event – Address by Minister
- 13.30 Interviews with Tourism media
- 15.30 Meeting with Minister of Transportation of Ontario
Ministry of Transportation, 77 Wellesley Street
- 19.00 Government visit concludes Minister & private secretary depart Toronto.