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Miller lone Canadian mayor at Sundance

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Mayor David Miller may have missed the first days of the Toronto International Film Festival in favour of a conference on climate change in Utah, but the Mayor likely got in a little stargazing anyway.

Mr. Miller was the lone Canadian among dozens of U.S. mayors attending the Sundance Summit: A Mayor's Gathering on Climate Protection, an event hosted by Robert Redford.

"Did he come back with a picture of himself with Robert Redford? Possibly," spokesman Stuart Green admitted yesterday. "It's all fun and stargazy stuff, but there's some serious business being discussed down there."

The Mayor spent four days hobnobbing with his U.S. colleagues -- and presumably Mr. Redford -- and comparing notes on their respective cities' environmental initiatives. And in all likelihood enjoying the spectacular scenery of the Sundance Resort, set in the midst of a wilderness preserve in the Utah Rockies.

The resort, which boasts on its Web site that it was named to Conde Nast Traveler's Gold List in 2006, "is a perennial readers' choice award-winner. In the relaxed ambience of a western lodge, with gourmet dining and a luxurious spa and fitness center, the Resort pampers guests in every season."

Mr. Green would not say if the Mayor took advantage of the resort's "fantastic year round recreation" but he was adamant about the cost of the trip: "Nothing, zip, zero."

The organizers of the mayors' get-together flew Mr. Miller to Utah and back and paid his expenses for the conference. Mr. Green said the Mayor went on his own, without any staff accompanying him.

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