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**To:** Mayor and Councillors

**Date:** November 17, 2025

**From:** Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

**Re:** **Strong Cities Network Sixth Global Summit: December 9-11, 2025**

In accordance with the Council Travel and Expense Policy (the “Policy”), whereby members of Council are subject to Council-approval to attend sponsored conferences, events and meetings, this memorandum provides the required summary information for Council’s consideration for my attendance at the upcoming Strong Cities Network Sixth Global Summit in Toronto, Ontario, from December 9 to 11, 2025. Pursuant to the Policy, there is a limit of one conference outside BC but within Canada per calendar year and any subsequent request for an out-of-province event is subject to Council-approval. I participated in the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction Municipal Leaders Table held April 13 to 16, 2025 in Lethbridge, Alberta, accordingly, I seek Council-approval to attend this second conference outside BC.

## Summary of Event

The Strong Cities Network Sixth Global Summit, titled “Stronger Together: Forging Safer, Connected, Thriving Cities in a Changing World”, is hosted by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) in collaboration with the City of Toronto (Attachment 1).

The Summit will convene mayors, local government officials, local organizations, and international partners to explore strategies that strengthen community safety, inclusion, and resilience against hate and polarization.

Key themes include:

- community safety and well-being, including prevention approaches at the city level;
- countering hate and online harms;
- digital and economic inclusion as foundations for social cohesion; and
- national-local cooperation in building resilient communities.

## Sponsors

- Institute for Strategic Dialogue – host organization and registered charity (Company No. 06581421; Charity No. 1141069)
- City of Toronto
- Public Safety Canada

## Estimated Value of Sponsorship

Public Safety Canada has confirmed that they will provide reimbursement, to a maximum of \$2,000, of costs related to travel and meals not provided at the Summit (Attachment 2). The approved sponsorship is anticipated to cover all costs for travel and accommodation and in accordance with Policy, a per diem may be claimed for other incidentals.

## Attendees

Invitees include mayors, local government officials, local society organizations, national governments, private sector interest holders and practitioners. A list of registrations as of October 29, 2025 is included as Attachment 3.

## Relevance to Role as Councillor

Participation aligns with Council's ongoing priorities related to community safety, social inclusion, and resilience-building. Attendance would provide valuable insights into international best practices and evidence-based approaches to addressing hate, polarization, and online harms at the local level.

## Expected Value of Attendance

Attendance at the Summit will:

- strengthen the City's knowledge of community-based approaches to safety and inclusion;
- provide access to international partnerships and potential collaboration opportunities through the Strong Cities Network;
- enable the City to learn from other jurisdictions' experiences in countering hate and fostering cohesion; and
- support informed policy development and program initiatives relevant to community safety and well-being strategies.

## Council-Consideration



*THAT Councillor Nadine Nakagawa be permitted to attend the Strong Cities Network Sixth Global Summit in Toronto, Ontario to be held December 9 to 11, 2025.*

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Invitation to Strong Cities Network Sixth Global Summit

Attachment 2 – Sponsorship Confirmation Letter dated October 24, 2025

Attachment 3 – Attendee Registrations (as of November 4, 2025)

