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DATE: August 21, 2020

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FILE NUMBER: ACS2020-OCC-GEN-0026

SUBJECT: **Code for Canada Summit 2020**

OBJET : **Rapport sur le sommet « Code for Canada Summit » de 2020**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to report to Committee following attendance at the Code for Canada Summit 2020 on March 10-11th, 2020.

Pursuant to the Council Expense Policy, Members of Council who undertake City-funded travel to events such as conferences must submit a written report to the appropriate Standing Committee detailing their experiences, what they learned at the conference and how the City's position or interests were advanced. Councillor Sudds

did not use any funds from the Councillor's office budget to travel to the location and or accommodations. The Integrity Commissioner was engaged by the Councillor's office prior to the acceptance of the speaking engagement and the Integrity Commissioner guidance provided to the Councillor was followed. Specifically, Section 13 of the Code of Conduct and exception of and no honorarium was accepted by Councillor Sudds or her office. For additional transparency, the guidance provided is attached.

BACKGROUND

The City of Ottawa, through the work of the IT Sub-Committee is committed to advancing our Smart City Strategy 2.0. On September 11, 2019, Council approved Councillor Jenna Sudds request to sit on the Board of Directors of Open City Networks. Councillor Sudds is also a member of the IT Sub-Committee and in representing Kanata North also represents Canada's largest Technology Park. Councillor Sudds was asked to speak at The Code Canada Summit 2020 in Toronto, which took place on March 10-11th, 2020.

DISCUSSION

The Council Expense Policy provides as follows:

"Members who undertake City-funded travel must submit a report detailing their experiences, what they learned at the conference and how the City's position or interests were advanced. The report shall be accomplished in writing, either as an information report or as an Information Previously Distributed report, listed on the agenda for the appropriate Standing Committee."

Councillor Sudds was asked to present at the conference as part of case study panel presenting on making the case to fund digital government initiatives. Councillor Sudds presented the City of Ottawa's successes alongside esteemed digital government leaders including Jamie Boyd from the Government of British Columbia, Katy Lalonde from the Ontario Digital Service and Ryan Androsoff from the Institute on Governance.

This speaking opportunity was an important opportunity to advance the city's interests, reputation, and relationships as a leader in Smart City initiatives. Councillor Sudds' presentation included the opportunity to highlight some important and ground breaking projects for which the city deserves recognition and celebration. The projects highlighted include:

- Adaptive Traffic Control Innes Road Project

- EcoDrive Connected Vehicle Project
- Ottawa L5 Private Test Track
- Public CAV Test Facility in the Kanata North Technology Park

The presentation was warmly received and resulted in discussions and potential opportunities to work more collaboratively with others on digital government initiatives.

Councillor Sudds was also able to participate in additional conference sessions on topics including social security and procurement innovation.

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From: integrity / integrité
Sent: January 9, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Acero, Andres
Cc: O'Connor, M. Rick; Marleau, Robert
Subject: RE: Speaking at the 2020 Code for Canada Summit

**Sent on behalf of Mr. Robert Marleau, Integrity Commissioner:
De la part de M. Robert Marleau, Commissaire à l'intégrité :**

Andres,

I consider the Councillor's acceptance of the invitation to be authorized under Section 13 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and to fall under exception (f) as follows (emphasis added):

- f. food, lodging, transportation and entertainment provided by provincial, regional and local governments or political subdivisions of them, by the federal government or by a foreign government within a foreign country, or by a conference, seminar or event organizer where the member is either speaking or attending in an official capacity;

In my opinion, Code for Canada qualifies as an eligible body under the Code of Conduct. For this reason, the Councillor would not be required to disclose in the Gifts Registry the items listed in exception (f).

I recommend that the Councillor not accept the \$200 honorarium. If the organization wishes to donate the amount, it should do so directly on the Councillor's behalf.

In conclusion, this confirms that Councillor Sudds is authorized to accept the invitation and any hospitality (including airfare, lodging, complimentary ticket to the Summit, etc.) offered by Code for Canada and participate as an official representative of the City of Ottawa.

For administrative purposes, I am copying the City Clerk on this response.

Regards,

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