

City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM19.8 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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Supporting the City of Toronto in Joining the Strong Cities Network and Hosting a Future Strong Cities Summit in October 2025 - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to submit an application on behalf of the City of Toronto to join the Strong Cities Network.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development to report to the Executive Committee by the end of 2024 on the opportunity and feasibility of hosting the Strong Cities Summit in October 2025.

Summary

The Strong Cities Network is an independent, apolitical, global network of more than 220 cities dedicated to addressing all forms and manifestations of hate, extremism and polarisation that can lead to violence, within a human rights-based framework. In November 2023, City Council adopted MM12.12 - Endorsing Toronto as a Signatory of the Strong Cities Network Fourth Global Summit New York City Mayoral Declaration in Fighting Hate, Extremism and Polarisation. By joining the Strong Cities Network the City of Toronto will strengthen its work as an inclusive and welcoming city. Hosting a future summit in October 2025 would strengthen the City of Toronto's relationship with other cities and further support our commitment to keeping the city safe from hate.

There are no expenses required for the City of Toronto to join the Strong Cities Network as a member but there would be some in kind and/or financial commitments to host the Strong Cities Summit in October 2025. There are conditions that must be agreed upon to become a member.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.8