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August 4, 2015

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Sent via Email (No original to follow)

Michelle Berardinetti  
Councillor for Ward 35  
100 Queen Street West, Suite A8  
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2  
[councillor\\_berardinetti@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_berardinetti@toronto.ca)

Dear Councillor Berardinetti:

**Re: Travel Declaration Form for trip to Istanbul, Turkey from March 18 to 23, 2015**

I have reviewed the information you provided in the Travel Declaration form, along with the following supporting documentation:

- 1) Letter from S. Kenan, Mayor of Pendik dated May 6, 2015;
- 2) a copy of the electronic invoice for air travel to Istanbul, Turkey between March 18 to March 23, 2015;
- 3) a copy of the Canada/Toronto Draft Programme for the period of March 19 to March 23, 2015; and
- 4) email correspondence between Joanne Fusillo Ademaj, Administrative Assistant for your office and Tracy Francis, Intake & Office Assistant for my office dated May 28, 2015

I confirm that the travel related benefits you have disclosed are in compliance with section f of Part IV (Gifts and Benefits) of the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council* as travel was sponsored by a foreign government within a foreign country.

Thank you for providing the information.

~~Yours truly,~~

Authorizing Signature Removed

~~Valerie Jepson~~  
Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (2):      Travel Declaration Form dated May 4, 2015 with supporting documents (10 pages)  
Email correspondence from Joanne Fusillo Ademaj dated May 28, 2015 (1 page)

c.                      Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services  
Winnie Li, Director, Council & Support Services (no attachments)  
Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk (no attachments)

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**This form is used in the declaration of travel costs provided by a third party for Members of Council in the performance of their duties if the value exceeds \$300, or if total value received from any one source during a calendar year exceeds \$300.**

**INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL MEMBER**

<b>Name of Councillor:</b>	Michelle Berardinetti
<b>Purpose of Trip:</b>	Delegation Visit
<b>Travel Destination:</b>	Istanbul, Turkey
<b>Travel Dates:</b>	March 18-23, 2015
<b>Additional Information:</b>	
<b>Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)</b>	
<b>Sponsor of Travel:</b>	Name: Turkish Consul of Toronto Type of Sponsor (check all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other organization <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Organizer
<b>Registration Fees:</b>	\$ 0
<b>Travel:</b>	\$73.26
<b>Accommodation:</b>	\$1250.24
<b>Ground Transportation:</b>	\$250.00
<b>Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:</b>	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1573.50</b>
<b>Expenses Paid from Councillor Business Travel Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenses Paid from Constituency Services &amp; Office Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenses Paid Personally by the Council Member:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Please attach all pertinent information to this form including invitation letter from event organizer, copies of receipts, etc.)

Signed by Councillor: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing Signature  
Removed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: May 4, 2015

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**Please read the following:**

As of December 1, 2014 Protocol Services will maintain an official gift bank for use by Members of City Council to present to visiting dignitaries and delegations.

For delegations, one gift will be provided to the lead, and all members of the delegation will be provided with City logo pins. The following criteria must be met in order to obtain an official gift from the gift bank.

**Criteria:**

1. Visiting dignitaries who have an official connection with the City of Toronto
2. Visiting dignitaries involved with the City's International Alliance Program
3. National or international outbound visits/conferences by Members of Council on official City of Toronto business


Send the completed request form to: Protocol Services [protocol@toronto.ca](mailto:protocol@toronto.ca)

<b>Name and title of visiting dignitary:</b> Turkish Consul General	<b>Organization:</b> Turkish Consul of Toronto	<b>City, Country:</b> Istanbul, Turkey
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<b>Date gift required:</b> 03/13/2015	<b>Purpose of visit/travel:</b> Strengthening relationships between the two countries and opportunity to share cultural and business ideas.
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<b>Location of visit/meeting:</b> Municipality of Pendik	<b>Date of visit/meeting:</b> 03/19/2015	<b>Time of visit/meeting:</b>
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<b>Reason for gift:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting dignitaries with connection to the City of Toronto <input type="checkbox"/> Dignitaries involved with the City's International Alliance Program <input type="checkbox"/> National/international outbound visits/conferences, official City of Toronto business <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>Number of delegates:</b>
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<b>Member of Council:</b> Michelle Berardinetti	<b>Phone:</b> 416-392-0213	<b>Signature:</b> X 
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**Please list all members of the visiting delegation (or attach a list):**

Municipality of Pendik Mayor & Dignitaries (Please see schedule attached)

**Shaded area for Protocol Services Use:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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PENDİK BELEDİYE BAŞKANLIĞI

06/05/2015

Sayı : 80281638-876.01-E.236

Konu : Teşekkür

Dear Michelle Berardinetti

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for accepting the invitation from the Turkish Consul of Toronto, Ali Riza Guney, extended to visit Pendik Municipality in March 2015 and for your visit to Istanbul on March 19.

It was a pleasure to meet you and the visit was very fruitful. Having the opportunity to share the Turkish culture with you and discuss how bridging cultural differences may benefit the Turkish and Muslim community in Toronto was certainly worthwhile.

Thank you for sharing your insight and time with us, and we look forward to an ongoing friendship with you and the Toronto municipality in the form of both a cultural and business relationship. I hope your visit was one of many to come and we can further discuss how the relationship can benefit both communities.

It was truly a pleasure,

Sincerely,

Authorizing Signature  
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S. Kenan ŞAHİN

Mayor of Pendik

<b>CANADA /TORONTO DRAFT PROGRAMME</b>		
<b>Visit Date</b>	19- 23 March 2015	
<b>Delegation</b>	Giorgio Mammoliti - Councillor Michelle Berardinetti - Councillor	
<b>Host</b>	Oğuz Karakaya	
<b>19 March 2015 Thursday</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
.....	Meet Delegation	Atatürk Airport
18.30	Accommodation	The Green Park Hotel
20.00	Dinner	Gülistan
<b>20 March 2015 Friday</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
08.00-09.00	Breakfast	The Green Park Hotel
10.00	Visit to Pendik Municipality and Meeting With Mayor and Authorities	Municipality
14.00	Visit to İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality and Meeting With Mayor and Authorities	Saraçhane
16.00	Visit to Miniaturk	Eyüp
20.00	Dinner	Gözdağı
<b>21 March 2015 Saturday</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
08.00-09.00	Breakfast	The Green Park Hotel

11.00-12.30	Bosphorus Tour	Üsküdar
13.00-14.00	Lunch	Eminönü
14.30-18.00	Historical Peninsula ( Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern Topkapi Palace)	Sultan Ahmet
19.30 – 21.00	Dinner	Çamlıca
<b>22 March 2015 Sunday</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
08.00-09.00	Breakfast	The Green Park Hotel
10.00-12.00	Visit to Pendik	Pendik
13.00-14.30	Lunch	Güzelyalı
14.30- 16.00	Shopping Time (Viaport)	Pendik
18.30 -20.00	Dinner	Uzunyayla
<b>23 March 2015 Monday</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
08.00-09.00	Breakfast	The Green Park Hotel
10.00	Departure From Hotel	Pendik
.....	Flight Departure Time	Atatürk Airport