

February 8, 2018

Sent by Email (No Original to Follow) [Councillor Minnan-Wong@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Minnan-Wong@toronto.ca)

Denzil Minnan-Wong  
Councillor for Ward 34  
100 Queen Street West, Suite C55  
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Minnan-Wong:

**Re: Travel-related benefits provided by the Canada-Turkey Business Council  
for Your Trip to Istanbul, Turkey, October 8 – October 10, 2017**

Thank you for providing me with a Travel Declaration Form for the above-referenced trip. I confirm that the travel related benefits you have disclosed are in compliance with section (f) of Article IV (Gifts and Benefits) of the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council* as travel was sponsored by a conference organizer and you attended in your official capacity as a Councillor.

I form this view based on my review of:

- 1) the Travel Declaration Form dated December 29, 2017;
- 2) A September 18, 2017 letter from Erdeniz Sen inviting you to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Turkey-Canada Joint Annual Conference in Istanbul, Turkey;
- 3) Letter indicating the cost of your ground transportation and accommodations;  
and,
- 4) Conference itinerary.

This letter, the Travel Declaration Form, and attached supporting material will be posted on the Integrity Commissioner's website, [toronto.ca/integrity](http://toronto.ca/integrity), in accordance with the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council*.

If you have any questions about the disclosure of gifts and benefits please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Yours truly,

Authorizing Signature Removed

Valerie Jepson  
Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (4):      Travel Declaration Form for Istanbul, Turkey (2 pages)  
                             September 18, 2017 invitation letter (5 pages)  
                             Letters indicating cost of ground transportation and  
                             accommodations (2 pages)  
                             Conference Itinerary (3 pages)

cc:                      Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services  
                             Kelly McCarthy, Acting Director, Strategic Integration and  
                             Excellence  
                             Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk

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This form is used in the declaration of travel costs provided by a third party for Council Members 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>Council Member:</b>	Denzil Minnan-Wong
<b>Purpose of Trip:</b>	Attend the 14th Turkey-Canada Joint Annual Conference
<b>Travel Destination:</b>	Istanbul, Turkey
<b>Travel Dates:</b>	October 8, 2017 to October 10, 2017
<b>Additional Information:</b>	
<b>Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)</b>	
<b>Sponsor of Travel:</b>	Name: <u>Canada - Turkey Business Council</u> Type of Sponsor (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference Organizer
<b>Registration Fees:</b>	\$ N/A
<b>Travel:</b>	\$
<b>Accommodation:</b>	\$ Included with Ground Transportation - TOTAL \$163.12
<b>Ground Transportation:</b>	\$
<b>Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:</b>	\$
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ 163.12
<b>Expenses Paid from Council Business Travel Budget</b>	\$
<b>Expenses Paid from Constituency Services &amp; Office Budget or the annual operating budget for the Office of the Mayor</b>	\$ 563.43
<b>Expenses paid from other City of Toronto sources</b>	\$ Source:

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

Signed by Council Member:

Authorizing Signature  
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Date: Dec 29, 2017

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### **Important Information**

This form will be publicly disclosed in accordance with Article IV of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

The Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Part IV, Gifts and Benefits, states that no Member shall accept a fee, advance, gift or personal benefit that is connected directly or indirectly with the performance of his or her duties of office, unless permitted by the exceptions listed. The following is listed as an exception:

- (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;

This form will serve as a disclosure statement required by the Code.

Upon receiving the Travel Declaration from the Council Member, the Integrity Commissioner shall review the form to determine whether the gift is permissible. In the event that the Integrity Commissioner makes that preliminary determination, he or she shall call upon the Member for clarification. Should the Integrity Commissioner determine that the gift was not permitted, he or she may direct the Member to reimburse the sponsor for the value.

Questions can be addressed to:

Integrity Commissioner  
416-392-3826  
[integrity@toronto.ca](mailto:integrity@toronto.ca)

Completed and signed form should be submitted to:

The Office of the Integrity Commissioner  
375 University Avenue, Suite 202  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2J5

### **Authority & Guidelines**

Part IV of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council. Available at [www.toronto.ca/integrity](http://www.toronto.ca/integrity).

## Amalia Stefanopoulos

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**From:** Denzil Minnan-Wong [Email Removed]  
**Sent:** September 18, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** Amalia Stefanopoulos; Anna Milner  
**Subject:** Fwd: Invitation for 14th Turkey-Canada Joint Annual Conference

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Erdeniz Şen [Email Removed]  
**Date:** Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 9:17 PM  
**Subject:** Invitation for 14th Turkey-Canada Joint Annual Conference  
**To:** Denzil Minnan-Wong [Email Removed]  
**Cc:** Erdeniz Şen [Email Removed]

Dear Denzil,

I would like to thank you once again for attending the Turkey-Canada Business Forum on July 15, 2017. It was a true honor for us. This was the second major gathering we organised in Toronto after the successful Turkey-Canada Business and Investment Forum which was held in December 7, 2016. We are most pleased that you honored both of these meetings.

I firmly believe that these events which brought together over 300 businesses from Turkey and Canada will help increase commercial and economic ties between Turkey, Canada and Ontario, which will be a win win for everyone.

Turkey is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest economy in Europe and 16<sup>th</sup> in the world. It is the biggest manufacturer of automobiles and electrical household appliances in Europe. Turkish companies come second after the Chinese in international construction projects. Turkey is also situated in a geography which can serve as a bridge between Canadian businesses and Asia, Middle East, Africa, Russia, the Caucasus, Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Turkey has been in Customs Union with the European Union since 1996.

Major Canadian mining companies have big investments in Turkey. Saskatchewan exports 1.5 billion CAD worth of pulses every year to and through Turkey. Bombardier has important investments as well. Turkish-Canadian energy business is growing. Also, Turkish Canadians established some of the biggest companies in North America, most of them based in the GTA.

The Canada Turkey Business Council (CTBC) and its Istanbul-based counterpart organization (the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey), with support from Global Affairs Canada and the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa, are planning for their 14th Joint Annual Conference that will be held in Istanbul on October 10, 2017. This will be another major business gathering between Turkey and Canada. Please find attached a detailed note regarding the agenda of this important meeting.

We will be honored if you will attend this important meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards.

Erdeniz Şen

Turkish Consul General in Toronto

## **NOTE ON TURKEY-CANADA JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Canada Turkey Business Council (CTBC) and its Istanbul-based counterpart organization (the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey), with support from Global Affairs Canada and the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa, are planning for their 14th Joint Annual Conference that will be held in Istanbul on October 10, 2017.

The CTBC utilizes Joint Annual Conferences to: focus on market opportunities in Turkey for Canadian participants, highlight the strengths of Canadian firms in those sectors, and raise the profiles of Canadian participants. This year, we intend to include the following focus sectors (a brief overview of each sector is included below):

- Agriculture & Agri-food
- Energy
- ICT
- Infrastructure/Construction
- Mining

The conference will begin the morning of October 10 following a light buffet breakfast. The opening plenary session will likely include the Turkish Minister of Economy along with other senior representatives. The plenary will be followed by the sectoral panel sessions, each of which will allocate time for Q&As. A lunch will be provided after the panels. Arrangements will be made for B2B meetings following lunch. Site visits may also be arranged including, if requested, outside of Istanbul. Other admin issues are currently being worked out.

## **KEY SECTOR OVERVIEWS**

## **Agriculture & Agri-food**

Turkey has a large and growing food and agriculture industry that is positioning itself to be among the top 5 producers globally by 2023. Industry strengths include the country's favourable climate, a domestic population of about 80 million, its access to large neighbouring markets, and government incentives designed to attract increased investment. Specific sectors of opportunity include legume exports, fruit and vegetable processing, animal feed/pet food, livestock, dairy, fertilizers, greenhouse platforms, and cold chain technologies. Canada's number one export to Turkey in most years is lentils. We are also a growing supplier to the country's livestock/semen sector.

## **Energy**

With more than 50% of Turkey's current account deficit coming from the imports of oil, natural gas and coal, the government's priority is to increase local energy resources such as renewable energy, lignite coal-fired power plants and nuclear energy. Turkey also needs to upgrade and expand its energy transmission and distribution lines.

There are opportunities in Turkey for Canadian firms involved in solar, geothermal, waste to energy, smart grid systems, nuclear power plant development, regional natural gas pipeline projects, refineries, oil and gas exploration and production equipment, energy efficiency systems, energy storage, electricity transmission and distribution equipment and services.

## **ICT**

The Turkish ICT market has significant growth potential as the technology-driven and sizeable young population continues to buy consumer electronics, software and products. More than half of all households in Turkey have computers with internet access, which is expected to rise significantly in coming years.

Opportunities exist for Canadian firms involved in cyber security, consumer electronics, 4/5G related technologies and services, fibre optics, A/V equipment, wireless equipment and services and smart phones.

## **Infrastructure/Construction**

The Turkish construction sector accounts for roughly 5% of the country's GDP. Over the past 15 years, the country has invested nearly US\$100 billion in bridges, highways, tunnels, railways, airports and urban development. Of that amount, nearly \$14 billion went to PPP projects. The government recently announced Turkey has earmarked another US\$64 billion in infrastructure expenditures in coming years. Three key areas of focus are the transportation (airports, roads, tunnels), energy (pipelines, refineries, nuclear power plants) and healthcare (i.e.; medical campuses built using the PPP model) sectors.

In addition to robust activity within the country, Turkish construction firms are very active internationally. In 2016, and for the ninth year in a row, Turkey stood second only to China in terms of countries with the largest volume of international construction projects (the US placed third) outside of their home markets. Clearly, there are opportunities for Canadian firms to partner with Turkish firms for projects in Turkey, in Canada and internationally.

## **Mining**

Turkey ranks 10th in the world in terms of mineral wealth, yet it only stands in 28th place for world mineral production. To date, most mineral exploration activity in Turkey has been restricted to shallow depths. As drilling goes deeper, however, reserve estimates will move upwards and the sector will account for a larger proportion of GDP. Canadian firms are active players in the Turkish minerals sector with a focus on gold, silver, copper, and zinc operations.

Opportunities exist for Canadian mining firms involved with exploration and development, mine design, extraction and processing, mining equipment, environmental assessment, laboratory analysis and CSR expertise.

For those interested in participating, please contact:

Mike Ward

Executive Director

Canada Turkey Business Council

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Canada-Turkey Business Council  
Conseil d'affaires Canada-Turquie  
Kanada-Türkiye İş Konseyi

October 21, 2017

Anna Milner  
Executive Assistant to  
Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong  
100 Queen St. West  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite C55  
MGH 2N2

Dear Ms. Milner,

**Re: Cost of Accommodation and Ground Travel**

This letter is to confirm that the Canada Turkey Business Council assumed the following costs during Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong's time in Istanbul from October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup> where he attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Turkey - Canada Joint Annual Conference.

Accommodation/Transportation - C\$163.12

Sincerely,

Authorizing Signature Removed

Mike Ward  
Executive Director  
Canada Turkey Business Council  
Contact Removed

Canada-Turkey Business Council  
60 Harbour Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 1B7 Canada  
Tel. (613) 806-6728; [matw52@gmail.com](mailto:matw52@gmail.com)  
<http://www.ctbc.ca>



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September 21, 2017

Anna Milner  
Executive Assistant to  
Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong  
100 Queen St. West  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite C55  
MGH 2N2

Dear Ms. Milner,

**Re: Cost of Accommodation, Conference Costs and Ground Travel**

This letter is to confirm that the Canada Turkey Business Council will assume the costs of Deputy Mayor Minnan-Wong's accommodation at the Wyndham Grand Istanbul Levent, Conference costs and ground transportation during his anticipated visit to Istanbul Turkey, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Sincerely,

Authorizing Signature Removed

Mike Ward  
Executive Director  
Canada Turkey Business Council

Canada-Turkey Business Council  
60 Harbour Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 1B7 Canada  
Tel. (613) 806-6728; [matw52@gmail.com](mailto:matw52@gmail.com)  
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## **14<sup>TH</sup> JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

### **Wyndham Grand İstanbul Levent**

**Charlie Chaplin**

**October 10, 2017**

**9:00 am Registration**

**9:30 am Opening Remarks**

**Mr. Osman Okyay**  
Chairman  
DEİK/Turkey-Canada Business Council (TCBC)

**Mike Ward**  
Director  
Canada-Turkey Business Council (CTBC)

**Nail Olpak** **TBC**  
President  
DEİK

**Hon. Chris Cooter**  
Ambassador  
Canadian Embassy in Ankara

**Denzil Minnan-Wong**  
Deputy Mayor  
Toronto

**Pre-recording Message** **TBC**  
**The Hon. James Gordon Carr**  
Minister of Natural Resources

**10:30 am Perspectives On Strengthening Bilateral Commercial Relations** **TBC**

**Canadian Success Story in Turkey: TÜPRAG**

**10:50 am Coffee Break**



**11:10 am Panel I – Mining & Minerals**

**Mehmet Yılmaz**  
Chairman  
**TÜPRAG**

**Jim O'Neill**  
Chief Financial Officer  
**Aldridge Minerals Inc.**

**Ian Atacan**  
Chief Financial Officer  
**Silvermet**

**Steve Williams**  
President and CEO  
**Pasinex Resources**

**Ender Özaydın**  
Country Manager  
**Liberty Gold**

**12:10 pm Lunch**

**ISPAT TBC**

**Green & Spiegel:** Canadian Investment and Business Opportunities via Obtaining a Work Permit to Open a Branch of Business or Start-up a Business in Canada

**EDC TBC**

**1:30 pm Panel II – Advanced Technologies**

**C. Müjdat Altay**  
CEO  
**NETAŞ**

**Gurvinder Chohan**  
Director, Business Development - Satellite Systems  
**MDA**

**Bilgin Demir TBC**  
Regional Director, Sales - Turkey, Russia, S.E. Europe, CIS  
**SOTI Inc.**

**Yiğit Sezerman**  
Vice President  
**OZ Optics AS**



- 2:30 pm**      **Panel III – Energy**  
                 **Süreyya Yücel Özden**  
                 Advisor  
                 **GAMA**
- Ömer Kaya**  
                 Sales Manager  
                 **Canadian Solar**
- Deniz Tura Matten**  
                 Managing Director  
                 **Energy Co-invest Corp**
- İbrahim Erden**                      **TBC**  
                 Renewable Enerji Business Development Director  
                 **Enerjisa**
- 3:30 pm**      **Panel IV – Construction and PPPs**  
                 **Adnan Nas**  
                 Board Member  
                 **Global Investment Holding**
- Ali Akman**  
                 Chairman  
                 **Akman Holding**
- Tony G. Schweitzer**  
                 Partner  
                 **Dentons Canada LLP**
- Sefa Sadık Aytekin**  
                 Business Development Coordinator  
                 **CCN Holding**
- Nejat Akdağ**                      **TBC**  
                 Founder  
                 **Profil Nona Steel Trading Inc., Canada**
- Hüseyin Arslan**                      **TBC**  
                 Chairman  
                 **YDA Group**
- 4:30 pm**      **Coffee Break**
- 4:50 pm**      **Business-To-Business Meetings**
- 6:00 pm**      **End of Conference**