

March 14, 2018

Sent by Email (No Original to Follow) Councillor_Thompson@toronto.ca

Michael Thompson
Councillor for Ward 37
100 Queen Street West, Suite B29
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Thompson:

Re: Sponsored Travel provided by Canada China Club for Your trip to Shenzhen, Beijing, Guangzhou and Hong Kong, April 8 – April 14, 2017

Thank you for providing me with a Travel Declaration Form for the above-noted travel. I confirm that the travel benefits you received are in compliance with section (f) of Article IV (Gifts and Benefits) of the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council* as the accommodation was sponsored by an organization 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 March 9, 2018;
- 2) the February 23, 2017 letter from Linda Zhang (President of the Canada China Club) inviting you to attend the "China Mission for Innovation and Business Matching in Shenzhen, Beijing, Guangzhou and Hong Kong;
- 3) a May 24, 2017 invoice from the Canada China Club providing the accommodation, travel, ground transportation and other expense amounts;
- 4) the Conference Itinerary; and,
- 5) a search of the lobbyist registry confirming that the travel sponsor, is not a registered lobbyist or a client of a registered lobbyist.

This letter, the Travel Declaration Form, and attached supporting material will be posted on the Integrity Commissioner's website, 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,~~

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Valerie Jepson
Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (4): Travel Declaration Form (2 pages)
February 23, 2017 invitation letter (1 page)
May 24, 2017 Invoice confirming accommodation, travel, ground
transportation and other expense amounts (2 pages)
Conference Itinerary (2 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

Council Member:	Councillor Michael Thompson
Purpose of Trip:	China Mission for Innovation and Business Matching
Travel Destination:	Shenzhen, Beijing, Guangzhou, Hong Kong
Travel Dates:	04/08/2017 to 04/14/2017
Additional Information:	
Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)	
Sponsor of Travel:	Name: Canada China Club Type of Sponsor (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other organization <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Organizer
Registration Fees:	\$
Travel:	\$ 2181.97
Accommodation:	\$ 822.40
Ground Transportation:	\$ 724
Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:	\$ Other expenses - \$1092.30
TOTAL:	\$ 4820.67
Expenses Paid from Council Business Travel Budget	\$
Expenses Paid from Constituency Services & Office Budget or the annual operating budget for the Office of the Mayor	\$
Expenses paid from other City of Toronto sources	\$ 924(per diem) Source: Economic Development Budget

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

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Signed by Council Member

Date: 03/09/2018

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, ss. 157 and 159, and By-Laws 1076-2006, 154-2007 and 861-2008. The information is used to ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and will be made public. The information will be provided to the Office of the City Clerk to report the donation as a Gift and Benefit. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Integrity Commissioner, 375 University Avenue, Suite 202, Toronto ON M5G 2J5, at 416-392-3826, or at integrity@toronto.ca.

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

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.



Canada China Club
6th Floor, 15 Allstate Parkway,
Markham, L3R

February 23, 2017

Michael Thompson, Chair
Toronto Economic Development and Culture Committee
East Tower, 8th Floor, 100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, Ontario M5H

Dear Mr. Michael Thompson,

As you were advised at our lunch meeting on Feb. 22, 2017, the Canada China Club is organizing a business mission to China Mainland and Hong Kong in April 10 to 19, 2017.

The mission is endorsed by the Oversea China Affairs Office in China and the Toronto Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China. Delegation will include professors, high-level scientists and business leaders in Canada, namely Professor Javad Mostaghimi (University of Toronto) and Dr. Xiao-Yan Wen (St. Michael's Hospital) who have spin off companies in Toronto.

Canada China Club will arrange meetings in collaboration with the local government and businesses, as well as information sessions for members of the delegation to learn more about the business environment in Hong Kong, Guangdong and Sichuan. It is a great opportunity for Canadian businesses to build network with their counterparts in Asia.

I am pleased to invite you to join our delegation as one of guest-speakers. Attached is an application and the brochure about this business mission, and you are welcome to send this information to Toronto businesses who you know would benefit from being a delegate.

In view of the timeline of this mission, it is necessary to finalize the list of delegates as soon as possible, hence your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Linda Zhang

President
Canada China Club

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Contact: ccc@chinaclubs.org

INVOICE

**From**

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Floor 6th, 15 Allstate Pky,
Markham, ON L3R 5B4
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Bill To

Michael Thompson, Chair
Toronto Economic Development and Culture Committee
East Tower, 8th Floor, 100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, Ontario M5H

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Invoice Date

24/05/2017

Description	Amount
Hotel in Hong Kong	152.40
Breakfast in Hong Kong	20.00
Hotel in Shenzhen	170.00
Hotel in Beijing	180.00
Hotel in Guangzhou	320.00
International Air Tickets	1,363.97
Transportation from Hong Kong to Shenzhen	40.00
Transportation from Shenzhen to Beijing	426.00
Transportation from Beijing to Guangzhou	392.00
Transportation from Guangzhou to Hong Kong	40.00
City Buses Arrangement	220.00
Buses Rental (With Drivers)	424.00
Restaurants (Out of Sponsor)	630.00
Meeting Rooms Devices Rental	442.30

Total **\$ 4,820.67**

Terms & Conditions

All others cost was sponsored by our co-organizers.

2017 Canada China Club China Mission is to attract funds to invest in our Toronto companies. They are spin off companies from university of Toronto, St Margaret and St Michael hospitals. The members of the delegation are professors and doctors who are also inventors. They are looking for investment opportunities and this delegation was designed for the propose of investing in Toronto. During the delegation, C Thompson was promoting invest in Toronto as government which gives the investors more confidence and the delegation more credibility which both help attracting investment to Toronto.

With investment funding, these companies are able to take their projects to be commercialized and hire more people to expand and develop their business.

C. Thompson was invited as one of the guest speakers which cost was waived. There is no cost for him to attend the delegation.

April 15th	Shantou	From Guangzhou to Shantou Train: D7509 (7:40-10:45)	Business Matching in Overseas Chinese economic and cultural cooperation Experimental Zone	Working Dinner
April 16th	Chengdu	From Shantou to Sichuan. Flight: CA4374 (12:00-14:45)		Working Dinner
April 17th		Visiting Chengdu Overseas Chinese Park	Business Matching in Chengdu Overseas Chinese Park; meeting with investors and business owners	Working Dinner
April 18th		Visiting Jing Rong County Technology Innovation Park	Business Matching; meeting with investors and business owners	Working Dinner
April 19th		Visiting Chengdu "Home of Talents". Introduction of talents and innovation policies by Chengdu Government	From Chengdu to Canada	

Date	Location	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
April 9th	Hong Kong		Arrival	
April 10th	Hong Kong	Business Matching in Hong Kong; meeting with investors and business owners		From Hong Kong to Shenzhen
April 11th	Shenzhen	Business Matching in Shenzhen; meeting with investors and business owners		From Shenzhen to Beijing Flight: CA1398 (19:05-22:15)
April 12th	Beijing	Meeting with leadership of Overseas Chinese Affairs Office	Business Matching in Beijing Overseas Chinese Park	From Beijing to Guangzhou Flight: CZ3100 (20:30-23:55)
April 13th	Guangzhou	Visiting Technology Park in Tianhe	Business Matching in Tianhe CBD ; meeting with investors and business owners	Dinner with Government and major investors
April 14th		Visiting Tianhe (China-France) Technology Innovation Park and Business Matching; meeting with investors and business owners		Working Dinner