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May 9, 2019

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

Michael Thompson
Councillor, Ward 21
Toronto City Hall, Suite B31
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Thompson:

Re: Sponsored Travel provided by The International Forum of the Americas for Your Trip to Miami, Florida; March 31 to April 2, 2019

Thank you for providing me with a Travel Declaration Form for the above-noted 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 Member of Council* as travel was sponsored by the conference organizer, The International Forum of the Americas (IEFA), and you attended in your official capacity as City Councillor.

I form this view based on my review of:

1. the Travel Declaration Form dated April 23, 2019;
2. a February 13, 2019 email from Joseph F. Clark (President, Toronto Global Forum), inviting you to attend and speak at the World Strategic Forum;
3. a February 13, 2019 letter from Nicholas Rémillard (President and Chief Executive Officer, The IEFA), inviting you to the World Strategic Forum;
4. the conference agenda;
5. an April 18, 2019 email from Jonathan Miranda (Director of Logistics, The IEFA), outlining your accommodation costs;
6. a February 11, 2019 Air Canada Flight Confirmation; and,
7. a search of the lobbyist registry confirming that the travel sponsor, The IEFA 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,



Valerie Jepson
Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (6): Travel Declaration Form for Miami, Florida (2 pages)
 Email Invitation (1 page)
 Letter Invitation (1 page)
 IEFA World Strategic Forum Agenda (5 pages)
 Air Canada Flight Confirmation (4 pages)
 Email Exchange Outlining Cost of Hotel Accommodation (1 page)

c.c.: Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services
 Kelly McCarthy, Deputy City Clerk, Strategic Integration and Excellence
 Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk

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:	To attend and speak at the World Strategic Forum
Travel Destination:	Miami, Florida
Travel Dates:	03/31/2019 to 04/02/2019
Additional Information:	
Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)	
Sponsor of Travel:	Name: International Economic Forum of the Americas Type of Sponsor (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference Organizer
Registration Fees:	\$
Travel:	\$ 504.84
Accommodation:	\$ 502.00 USD
Ground Transportation:	\$
Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1179.82
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	\$ 604.64
Expenses paid from other City of Toronto sources	\$ Source:

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

Signed by Council Member

Date:

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.

Debbie Gedz

From: Joe Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: February 13, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Councillor Thompson
Cc: Debbie Gedz
Subject: Invitation - World Strategic Forum in Miami
Attachments: 2019 WSF - Michael Thompson.pdf; WSF 2019 - Confirmed Speakers.pdf; WSF 2019 - Preliminary Program.pdf

Dear Councillor Thompson

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend and speak at the World Strategic Forum in Miami, April 1-2, 2019 at the Biltmore Hotel. The formal invitation letter, list of confirmed speakers and Executive Summary of the event are attached.

As part of our mandate to help promote economic development for the City of Toronto, I am pleased to invite you to attend the Forum as our guest. Your presence in Miami would be most helpful in raising the profile and awareness of Toronto. The WSF offers excellent opportunities for you to network with global business and government leaders. We will facilitate introductions and set up personal meetings with these global leaders at your direction.

As our guest, the World Strategic Forum will arrange return economy airfare from Toronto to Miami. We will also arrange for hotel accommodation during your attendance. Ground transportation will be provided to and from the airport in Miami. Lunches are included at the Forum. You will also be invited to attend private Forum events on the Sunday and Monday evenings.

Councillor, I hope you will be able to see the many benefits for the City of Toronto in attending the Forum. Please let me know if you can attend and, if so, the dates you are available.

Thank you.

Joseph F. Clark
President
Toronto Global Forum
Phone: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
www.forum-americas.org/toronto



Miami, February 13, 2019

Mr. Michael Thompson
Councillor and Chair
Economic Development and Culture Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON
M5H 2N2
Canada

Dear Councillor Thompson,

On behalf of the International Economic Forum of the Americas (IEFA), it is a great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 9th annual **World Strategic Forum**, which will take place on **April 1 and 2, 2019**, at The Biltmore Hotel in Miami, Florida, under the general theme *Building a Sustainable Future*.

We would be honored should you agree to participate as a distinguished speaker on **Monday, April 1, 2019**, a day dedicated to *Economy, Finance and Entrepreneurship*. Your views and perspectives on economic growth and city development would be of great value to our debates and exchanges.

The **World Strategic Forum** was established by the IEFA, a non-for-profit organization founded in 1994 dedicated to the promotion of an open dialogue on pressing economic issues. Over the years, the event has grown to become a strategic platform for private-public exchange and business synergy. The Forum attracts wide media coverage and partners with major corporations as well as leading international organizations.

The preparation for this year's edition are off to a great start and it once again promises to be an outstanding international event. Among our latest confirmations, **Luis Almagro**, Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS); **Ibukun A. Awosika**, Chairman, First Bank of Nigeria; **Jürgen Gerke**, Chief Executive Officer, Allianz Capital Partners; **Arnold W. Donald**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Carnival & plc; **Shawn Qu**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Solar; **Antonio Mexia**, President and Chief Executive Officer, EDP – Energias de Portugal; **Osama Bedier**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Poynt; **Becky Frankiewicz**, President, North America, Manpower Group; **Jeffrey Kratz**, General Manager & Regional Head of Latin America, Canada & Caribbean, Amazon Web Services (AWS); **Victor Rico**, Secretary General, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF); and **Jean Henry Céant**, Prime Minister of Haiti.

We very much hope that it will be possible for you to attend the 2019 **World Strategic Forum**. It would be a great pleasure to welcome you.

Yours sincerely,



Nicholas Rémillard
President and Chief Executive Officer

9th edition

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE
FUTURE**

THE
INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC FORUM
OF THE AMERICAS



WORLD STRATEGIC FORUM

PRESENTED BY



**Miami Dade
College**

APRIL 1 - 2, 2019 | THE BILTMORE HOTEL | forum-americas.org/miami



7:30 AM **REGISTRATION**

8:30 AM **OPENING OF THE 9th EDITION OF THE WORLD STRATEGIC FORUM**
OPENING REMARKS

9:00 AM **INAUGURAL PLENARY SESSION**

SHAPING AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

What are the major risks and opportunities facing the global economy today? How can private and public sectors encourage inclusive and sustainable growth? How strategies must be adopted to mitigate a potential economic downturn?

10:00 AM **FIRESIDE CHAT**

THE NEW INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE: MANAGING UNCERTAINTY

10:30 AM **NETWORKING COFFEE**

11:00 AM **FORUM 1 simultaneously**

INVESTING FOR LONG-TERM RETURNS

What are the emerging trends in sustainable investment? What are the strategies needed to promote long-term success and sustainability? How can public policy foster transparency and due diligence?

11:00 AM **FORUM 2 simultaneously**

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE AMERICAS

What are the challenges and opportunities facing entrepreneurs in the Americas today? What can high-growth start-ups do to harness their success and ensure lasting viability? How can governments across the Americas establish the soft infrastructure needed to encourage healthy ecosystems of entrepreneurship?

11:00 AM **FORUM 3 simultaneously**

HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

What are some of the most potentially disruptive applications of AI? How will machine learning affect the future of business? What are the barriers to AI adoption and how can they be overcome?

12:15 PM **LUNCHEON**

LEADERSHIP IN AN AGE OF DISRUPTION

2:00 PM **NETWORKING COFFEE + DESSERT**

2:30 PM **AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION**

THE FUTURE OF WORK

In what ways is the nature of work expected to change? How will the new wave of automation affect employment? How will independent work and the gig economy impact wages and stability? What educational models are best suited to prepare the workforce for the future job market?

3 :30 PM

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

ENVISIONING THE CITIES OF TOMORROW

How are urban innovators reviving our cities and shaping the way we live? What are the models of infrastructure financing and design required to increase accessibility and well-being? In what ways can governments work to diminish the urban-rural divide and boost economic development?

4:30 PM

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

CYBERSECURITY IN AN ERA OF HYPER-CONNECTIVITY

As the world becomes increasingly connected, what are the major threats to IoT systems around the world? How can firms and institutions adopt preventative cybersecurity measures so as to build consumer trust? What role does regulation play in balancing public safety and individual privacy rights?

7:30 AM

REGISTRATION

8:00 AM

WORKING BREAKFASTS

9:00 AM

MORNING PLENARY SESSION**INFRASTRUCTURE: CONNECTING FOR COMPETITIVENESS**

How can transport and logistics infrastructure facilitate trade and boost economic growth? How can governments, investors and developers future-proof today's infrastructure projects? In what ways are new technologies driving down the cost of big infrastructure and enabling economic growth?

10:00 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT**RENEWABLES: LEADING THE CHARGE**

10:30 AM

NETWORKING COFFEE

11:00 AM

FORUM 1 simultaneously**THROUGH THE CLIMATE LENS: BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE**

What is the economic impact of climate change? What can public and private stakeholders do to ensure climate change resilience and what are the challenges associated with the implementation of mitigation and adaptation strategies? How can companies effectively align their economic and environmental goals?

11:00 AM

FORUM 2 simultaneously**INTERNATIONAL TRADE AT A CROSSROADS**

How are different sectors and organizations navigating through the complexities and managing the speed at which trade is changing? How is the current geopolitical situation shaping the new global trade map? What new global rules and tools are needed to ensure fairer and more inclusive trade?

11:00 AM

FORUM 3 simultaneously**TOWARD INTEGRATED MOBILITY SYSTEMS**

In what ways is technology enhancing mobility and transport systems? What are the challenges posed by integration and how can firms overcome them? How can the public and private sector work to build a shared future through regional and international connectivity?

12:15 PM

LUNCHEON**THE AMERICAS: WHAT'S NEXT?**

2:00 PM

NETWORKING COFFEE + DESSERT

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2:30 PM

SPECIAL ADDRESS

3:00 PM

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF LATINAMERICA

What are the major challenges facing the Latin America today? How can we assess the future of democracy in Latin America? How are global politics and economic interests affecting the region?

4:30 PM

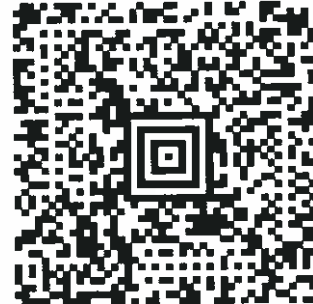
CLOSING OF THE 9TH EDITION OF THE WORLD STRATEGIC FORUM

Toronto to **Miami**



AIR CANADA

YOUR BOOKING IS
CONFIRMED



Booking Reference : [REDACTED]

Travel booked/ticket issued on: 11 Feb, 2019

Passengers

Mr. Michael
Thompson

Ticket Number
[REDACTED]

Seats

AC1640 23H

AC1643 23H

Depart


Economy - Standard



Sunday
31 Mar, 2019

07:30
Toronto
Toronto-Pearson Int. (YYZ),
Canada
Terminal 1



10:41
Miami
Miami Int. (MIA), United States

 **3 hr 11**
AC1640 Economy (K)
Operated by Air Canada Rouge 767-300ER

 **AC1640:** This flight is operated by Air Canada Rouge. You'll want to [learn more](#)  about Air Canada Rouge's in-flight services and amenities, as these differ from those of Air Canada.

 Return


Economy - Standard



Tuesday
02 Apr, 2019

12:05
Miami
Miami Int. (MIA), United
States



15:17
Toronto
Toronto-Pearson Int. (YYZ),
Canada
Terminal 1

 **3 hr 12**
AC1643 Economy (L)
Operated by Air Canada Rouge 767-300ER

 **AC1643:** This flight is operated by Air Canada Rouge. You'll want to [learn more](#)  about Air Canada Rouge's in-flight services and amenities, as these differ from those of Air Canada.

Purchase summary

1 Adult



Air Transportation Charges

Base Fare 298.00

Surcharges 25.00



Taxes, fees and charges

Passenger Civil Aviation Security Service Fee - U.S. 7.43

Immigration User Fee - United States	9.29
Goods and Services Tax - Canada no. 100092287 RT0001	16.76
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) User Fee - United States	5.25
Harmonized Sales Tax - Canada (GST/HST #10009-2287 RT0001)	3.25
Customs User Fee - United States	7.65
Air Travellers Security Charge - Canada	12.10
Airport Improvement Fee - Canada	25.00
Passenger Facility Charge - United States	5.97
Transportation Tax - United States	49.34
Total	465.04



Seat selection

Mr. MICHAEL Thompson

AC1640: 23H - Standard Seat	18.00
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AC1643: 23H - Standard Seat	18.00
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Goods and Services Tax - Canada no. 100092287 RT0001	1.80
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GRAND TOTAL - Canadian dollars	\$502.84
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Baggage allowance

Carry-on Baggage


On flights operated by Air Canada, Air Canada Rouge or Air Canada Express, you may carry with you in the cabin 1 standard item (max. size: 23 x 40 x 55 cm [9 x 15.5 x 21.5 in]) and 1 personal item (max. size: 16 x 33 x 43 cm [6 x 13 x 17 in]). Your carry-on baggage must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted. [See our complete carry-on baggage policy.](#)

Checked Baggage

Please see below for details on the bags you plan on checking at the baggage counter.

Toronto(YYZ) > Miami(MIA)


 **1st bag**
\$ 31.50 CAD
Including taxes


 **2nd bag**
\$ 52.50 CAD
Including taxes

Max. weight per bag:
23 kg (50 lb)

Max. Dimensions per bag:
158 cm (62 in)

Miami(MIA) > Toronto(YYZ)

 **1st bag**
\$ 31.50 CAD
Including taxes

 **2nd bag**
\$ 52.50 CAD
Including taxes

Max. weight per bag:
23 kg (50 lb)

Max. Dimensions per bag:
158 cm (62 in)

* For travel within Canada or between Canada and the United States, a Canadian tax of \$3.00 CAD may apply to baggage fees. For travel between Canada or the United States and Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Barbados, an applicable local sales tax of \$4.00 CAD may apply to baggage fees. For all other itineraries to/from Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Barbados as well as itineraries to/from South America, an applicable local sales tax of \$21.00 CAD may apply to baggage fees. All above tax amounts are based on the maximum applicable tax amounts per itinerary type. Actual amounts may vary and will be charged in the currency used in your departure airport. Tax amounts are subject to change without notice by local government.

Currency

Fee amounts are displayed in the currency of the first departure city on your ticket. On the day of travel, applicable fees will be assessed in the local currency of the country/region you are travelling from. Certain exceptions may apply where the departure airport does not charge in local currency. The currency exchange rate will be determined by the date of travel.

Stopovers

Checked baggage fees may be reassessed when itineraries include an enroute stopover of more than 24 hours. Note: If you **exceed your baggage allowance** (in number, size and/or weight), additional checked baggage charges will apply. The policy and fees will be those of the carrier identified in the checked baggage information section.

- View [Air Canada's additional checked baggage policy](#).
- View the [additional checked baggage policy of Air Canada's codeshare and interline partners](#).



CANADA, U.S.: 1 (888) 247-2262



AIR CANADA

A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER 

Debbie Gedz

From: Jonathan R. Miranda [REDACTED]
Sent: April 18, 2019 10:08 AM
To: Debbie Gedz
Cc: Joe Clark
Subject: RE: WSF 2018 - Hotel/Transportation Confirmation - THOMPSON, Michael

Hi Debbie,

The hotel accommodation cost was US\$502.00 (all fees and taxes included).

Best,

Jonathan

Jonathan R. Miranda

Directeur de la logistique | Director of Logistics

Forum économique international des Amériques | International Economic Forum of the Americas

Office: [REDACTED] | Toll Free (US/CAN): [REDACTED] | Paris: [REDACTED]

[Site web](#) / [Website](#)



#ConfMTL | #MiamiWSF | #TGF | #ConfPARIS

From: Debbie Gedz [mailto:Debbie.Gedz@toronto.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Jonathan R. Miranda [REDACTED]
Cc: Joe Clark [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: WSF 2018 - Hotel/Transportation Confirmation - THOMPSON, Michael

Good morning, Jonathan:

We have to submit a travel declaration form to the Integrity Commissioner for the World Strategic Forum and I require 3rd party costs for the trip for Councillor Thompson. I have the flight cost information but I'm missing the cost for the hotel accommodation. If you send the amount over to me when you have a chance, that would be much appreciated.

Thank you,

Debbie

Debbie Gedz
Supervisor, Office Administration
Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson
Councillor, Scarborough Centre
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