



March 30, 2026

Sent via Email (No Original to Follow): [Councillor.Mantas@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor.Mantas@toronto.ca)

Nick Mantas  
Councillor, Scarborough-Agincourt  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen St. W., Suite A1  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Mantas:

**Re: Sponsored Travel by Seoul Metropolitan Government for your trip to the Metropolis 40<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Congress in Seoul – September 27 to October 2, 2025**

Thank you for providing me with a Travel Declaration Form for the above-noted trip. I confirm that the information submitted is in compliance with section 4.2(6) of Article 4 (Gifts and Benefits) of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council, as travel was sponsored by the Seoul Metropolitan Government and you attended in your official capacity as a member of City Council.

I form this view based on my review of the:

1. Travel Declaration Form dated January 6, 2026;
2. Email dated April 2, 2025, from the Mayor of Seoul regarding the invitation;
3. Email dated September 1, 2025, from seoul2025.metropolis to Laura Diaz confirming accommodation details and the nightly rate; and
4. Search of the Lobbyist Registry confirming that the trip sponsor, is not a registered lobbyist nor 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](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,



Paul Muldoon  
Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (4): Travel Declaration Form dated January 6, 2026;  
Email dated April 2, 2025 re invitation  
Email dated Sept. 1, 2025 re accommodation

Cc: Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services  
Mike Pacholok, Deputy City Clerk, Member Services & Program Support

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>	Nick Mantas
<b>Purpose of Trip:</b>	Mayor's Designate and head of delegation for the Metropolis 40th Anniversary Congress in Seoul
<b>Travel Destination:</b>	Seoul, Korea
<b>Travel Dates:</b>	September 27, 2025 - October 2, 2025
<b>Additional Information:</b>	
<b>Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)</b>	
<b>Sponsor of Travel:</b>	Name: Seoul Metropolitan Government 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>	\$
<b>Travel:</b>	\$ <i>Correction</i>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<del>\$272.86 x 3nights = \$818.58</del> <i>\$286 x 3nights = \$858</i>
<b>Ground Transportation:</b>	\$
<b>Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:</b>	\$
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<del>\$818.58</del> <i>\$858</i> <i>30/3/2026</i>
= CAD \$851.10 (for 3 nights)	
<b>Expenses Paid from Council Business Travel Budget</b>	\$713.25
<b>Expenses Paid from Constituency Services &amp; Office Budget or the annual operating budget for the Office of the Mayor</b>	\$
<b>Expenses paid from other City of Toronto sources</b>	\$ <b>Source:</b>

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

Signed by Council Member: Date: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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](mailto: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](mailto:integrity@toronto.ca)

Completed and signed form should be submitted to:

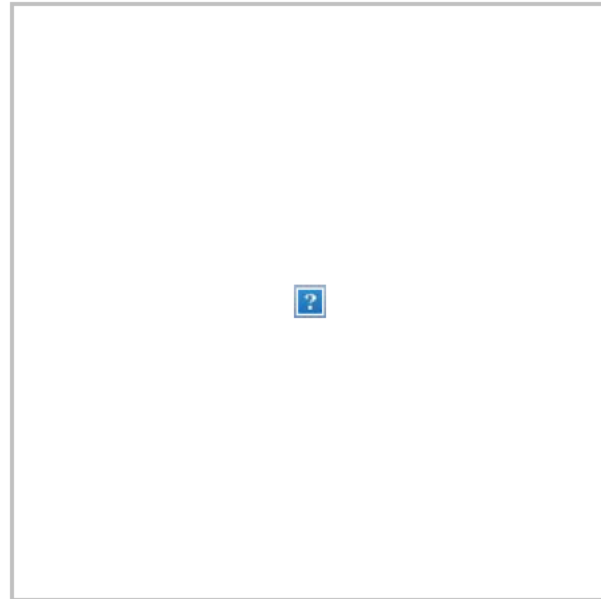
The Office of the Integrity Commissioner  
375 University Avenue, Suite 202  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2J5

### Authority & Guidelines

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

**From:** [Metropolis](#)  
**To:** [Laura Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** [External Sender] A Message from the Mayor of Seoul: Invitation to the Metropolis 40th Anniversary Congress  
**Date:** April 2, 2025 9:09:59 AM

**Mass Email: If you do not wish to receive future email from the sender, use opt-out.**



## A message from the Mayor of Seoul, Oh Se-hoon

Mayor Oh Se-hoon is pleased to invite you to join the **Metropolis 40th Anniversary Congress** in **Seoul**, taking place from **29 September to 1 October, 2025**. This milestone event will serve as a global platform for in-depth discussions on **Metropolitan Futures**, bringing together city leaders, experts, and innovators from around the world in the vibrant capital of the Republic of Korea.

The congress will offer a range of activities, including high-level discussions, technical visits, and cultural presentations—providing a unique opportunity for exchange, networking, and enhanced visibility.

**Early registration is now open until 15 April.** By registering early, you help us ensure that we can accommodate all delegates in the best possible

way. **Don't miss out on securing your place at this extraordinary event and becoming part of Metropolis' remarkable history.**

Both the **Seoul Metropolitan Government** and **Metropolis** look forward to welcoming you to this extraordinary Anniversary Congress.

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## Congress details

**September 29th to October 1st 2025**

**Seoul, Republic of Korea**

***Program***

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## Registration Information

- **Early Registration Deadline:** **April 25th**
- **Hotel Block:** Guarantee your space within our congress hotel block by registering before the early registration deadline.
  - Please note, speakers and the heads of delegation of Metropolis members will receive a 3-night stay (**September 28th - October 1st**)

Looking forward to welcoming you to the **Metropolis 40th Anniversary Seoul Congress!**

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**From:** [Nick Mantas](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Di Felice](#)  
**Cc:** [Integrity](#); [Joanne Fusillo Ademaj](#); [Aretha Phillip](#); [Laura Diaz](#); [Lesley Ruscica](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Forms and Information  
**Date:** March 30, 2026 2:10:07 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

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Lisa, please see the email below from the Organizer:

**From:** seoul2025.metropolis  
**Sent:** September 1, 2025 6:33 AM  
**To:** Laura Diaz  
**Cc:** Aretha Phillip ; 서울시  
**Subject:** [External Sender] Re: [Metropolis 40th Anniversary Seoul Congress 2025] Hotel Arrangement - Credit Card Authorization Form

Dear Laura,

*Please disregard the previous email, as it contained incorrect information. The details below are the accurate ones.*

We are pleased to confirm the extension reservation for the accommodation as below:

- Room Assigned: **to Nick Mantas**
- Room Type: Superior Double
- Room Rate (per night): KRW 286,000 (incl. VAT and breakfast)

Kindly note that the hotel requires credit card information to guarantee the reservation, as this period is peak season in Korea. Please complete the mandatory fields in the attached Credit Card Authorization Form and submit it by replying to this email **by Wednesday, 3rd September**. Once the form is submitted, the reservation cannot be changed or cancelled.

This card information will be used for guarantee purposes only, and the actual payment for the additional night should be settled directly at the hotel upon check-in.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Many Thanks!

**Yubin Lee(Ms.)**  
*Invitation Coordinator*  
*Metropolis 40th Anniversary Seoul Congress Secretariat*

2025년 9월 1일 (월) 오후 7:05, seoul2025.metropolis <[seoul2025.metropolis@gmail.com](mailto:seoul2025.metropolis@gmail.com)>님이 작성:

Dear Laura,

I hope this email finds you well.

Regarding the request for the additional stay, the hotel requires credit card information to guarantee the extension. Attached is the Credit Card Authorization Form for the reservation. (Mandatory fields are highlighted in *Yellow*.)

- Room Type: Standard Double
- Room Rate (per night): KRW 275,000 (incl. VAT and breakfast)

Please complete and submit the form by replying to this email by Wednesday, **3rd September**.

Kindly note that this information will be used for guarantee purposes only.

The actual payment for the additional night should be settled directly at the hotel upon check-out.

In addition, reservations cannot be modified after submission due to peak season.

the 40th Anniversary of the Metropolis Congress.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best,

Nick

**Nick Mantas**  
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The Toronto Municipal Code, §140-10 provides: "No person shall lobby a public office holder without being registered as required under Articles II, III or IV, unless otherwise exempted under this chapter." For information about the City's lobbyist registration requirements and how to register, please contact the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar Tel 416- 338-5858, [lobbyistregistrar@toronto.ca](mailto:lobbyistregistrar@toronto.ca), [www.toronto.ca/lobbying](http://www.toronto.ca/lobbying).

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**From:** Laura Diaz <[Laura.Diaz@toronto.ca](mailto:Laura.Diaz@toronto.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 6, 2026 3:33 PM  
**To:** Nick Mantas <[Nick.Mantas@toronto.ca](mailto:Nick.Mantas@toronto.ca)>  
**Cc:** Joanne Fusillo Ademaj <[Joanne.FusilloAdemaj3@toronto.ca](mailto:Joanne.FusilloAdemaj3@toronto.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Forms and Information

Hi Councillor,

Please find attached the relevant documents for your participation to the Metropolis World Congress.

It includes the invitation we received from Metropolis and Seoul Metropolitan Government (who were the host city), as well as the hotel arrangement email, which includes the fee per night that was paid by the organizer.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

**Laura Diaz**  
Senior Project Manager, International Relations & Official Visits  
City Clerk's Office, Strategic Protocol and External Relations  
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**From:** Laura Diaz  
**Sent:** January 6, 2026 2:34 PM  
**To:** Nick Mantas <[Nick.Mantas@toronto.ca](mailto:Nick.Mantas@toronto.ca)>  
**Cc:** Joanne Fusillo Ademaj <[Joanne.FusilloAdemaj3@toronto.ca](mailto:Joanne.FusilloAdemaj3@toronto.ca)>  
**Subject:** Forms and Information

Hi Councillor,

As mentioned, here is the form that needs to be filled out and submitted to the IC: [Letterhead \(Clerk's\)](#)

I am attaching the original invitation that was received from Metropolis for the World Congress. You will note under the "Hotel Block" section that "the Heads of Delegation of Metropolis Members will receive a 3-night stay (September 28 to October 1<sup>st</sup>).

Also, the following excerpt was included in the delegate logistics information:

## 6. ACCOMMODATION

- **Head of Delegation (HoD):** The Secretariat will arrange and cover the cost of accommodation at the main hotel (Novotel Ambassador Seoul Dongdaemun) for **one (1) HoD per city for three (3) nights between 28 Sep and 1 Oct.** Please note that incidental expenses are not included.
  - ✧ This arrangement applies exclusively to **city delegations.**
  - ✓ For the following requests, please contact the Secretariat in advance. Availability cannot be guaranteed due to high demand during the congress period:
    - Twin Bed Request: Additional KRW 33,000 (incl. tax) per night for breakfast for the second guest
    - Extension of Stay: Subject to room availability

You may want to clarify that the additional hotel night – from October 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>, was covered through the Council Travel Budget.

Kind regards,

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