



Mayor Report to Council

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Date: January 7, 2025

To: **Council.**

Name and title: Mayor Simon Yu

Subject: Mayor Invitation to Attend Smart City Summit & Expo in Taipei, Taiwan

Attachment(s):
1) Invitation Letter from Taipei Economic & Cultural Office.
2) Smart City Summit & Expo Flyer

Recommendation(s):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 7, 2025, from Mayor Yu, titled, "Mayor Invitation to Attend Smart City Summit & Expo in Taipei, Taiwan"

Purpose:

For Council information.

This report outlines the details of the 2025 Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE) invitation and highlights the strategic opportunities available to municipal leaders. It is intended to inform Council of the benefits, obligations, and logistical requirements of participation, particularly the potential value of the "Green and Digital Transformation" theme to Prince George. Covered costs include four nights of lodging, Summit attendance, and a round-trip flight ticket for the delegation leader. There will be no cost to the City of Prince George.

Strategic Priorities:

Participation in the SCSE aligns with the Council's focus on fostering innovation and sustainable development. It supports the priority of leveraging smart technologies to enhance urban sustainability, build global partnerships, and explore innovative solutions that contribute to Prince George's long-term economic and environmental goals.

Summary and conclusion:

The SCSE offers a unique platform for municipal leaders to engage with global counterparts, explore cutting-edge smart city solutions, and discover best practices in green and digital urban transformation. As a case in point, last year's summit saw 495 city representatives in attendance. This opportunity allows Prince George to position itself as a forward-thinking municipality while strengthening its global partnerships and economic strategic priorities.

Respectfully submitted:

Mayor Simon Yu

Meeting date: 2025/01/13