

Date: March 23, 2026

To: **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

Name and title: Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: Update on Strong Cities Network

Attachment(s): 1. Safer Digital Cities – Nordic Safe Cities Presentation

Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECIEVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 23, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Update on Strong Cities Network”.

Purpose:

To update the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs on Strong Cities member activities.

Background:

The City of Prince George has been engaging with the Strong Cities Network since Council directed staff to join the Stronger Cities Network in November 2024.

The Strong Cities Network’s Prevention Academy for British Columbia Municipalities on Countering Online Harms was launched in September 2025.

Prince George is one of many municipalities participating in workshops which equip mayors, councillors, local government staff and community partners with the tools, knowledge and collaborative frameworks needed to address threats such as hate speech, disinformation, cyberbullying and other harmful content. Some of these resources were shared with the Mayor of Tumbler Ridge shortly after the community’s tragic event, offering timely and meaningful support.

The Strong Cities Network has expressed encouragement for Prince George’s commitment to learning and advocating for strategies that reduce the impacts of online harms. A proposed half-day learning event is planned for May 2026, delivered in partnership with the Prince George Public Library.

Summary and conclusion:

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted:

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