

TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR D. P. DRUMMOND
SUBJECT: **SISTER CITY EXCHANGE
GATINEAU, QUEBEC**

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the 2000 Sister City Exchange Visit to Gatineau, Quebec in accordance with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Protocol Agreement.
2. THAT the members of Council, three representatives from the Burnaby Board of Trade and one City Staff member be appointed as delegates representing Burnaby for the purposes of the Sister City Exchange, and that related expenses as outlined in this report be drawn from the stabilization reserve.

REPORT

As Council will recall the City of Burnaby, in 1998, entered into a Protocol Agreement with the City of Gatineau, Quebec under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Community Leaders and Partnership Program. The purpose of the agreement is to foster friendship between eastern and western Canada as well as promote mutually beneficial opportunities for cultural and business development. For this reason it is a requirement of the F.C.M. to include representatives of the Board of Trade as part of the delegation.

The Protocol Agreement also requires exchange visits between the two municipalities. Representatives of the City of Gatineau will be visiting Burnaby in July, 2000 to join in the City's millennium celebrations. In accordance with the agreement, the City of Gatineau have invited Burnaby to visit their community from August 30 to September 04. The City of Burnaby's share of expenses for this visit is estimated at \$13,000. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities contribution includes payment of travel expenses for the delegates of Council.

The adoption of this report will allow City staff to proceed with the arrangements to fulfill Council's obligations under the Community Leaders and Partnership Program of the F.C.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor