

REPORT
2000 MAY 29

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR D.P. DRUMMOND
SUBJECT: SISTER CITY VISIT 2000

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council authorize the payment of expenses in association with the Sister City visit as outlined in this report, with funds to come from operating contingency.

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The City of Burnaby will be hosting delegates from our three Sister Cities; Kushiro, Japan, Mesa, Arizona and Gatineau, Quebec during our Millennium celebrations from 2000 July 20 to 25.

The official Millennium celebration for the City will take place during an enhanced Discovery Days festival in Burnaby beginning July 21 with the Vancouver Symphony Concert in the Park, continuing with Discovery Days events and the Night of 2000 Lights on July 22 and concluding with a Blues Festival on July 23rd, all within the Deer Lake Park precinct.

In addition to the public festivities, former members of Burnaby Council are being invited to join current elected officials and Sister City delegates at a Reunion Dinner to be held on July 22. This event will be hosted by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission and will be held at Burnaby Village Museum, after which participants will enjoy the Night of 2000 Lights lantern festival at Deer Lake Park.

The cost of the various festivities involving Sister City delegates is estimated to be \$50,000. Funds are available through operating contingency. This is the first time the City has hosted all three Sister Cities at the same time. It is the 35th Anniversary of our relationship with the City of Kushiro and this visit provides a unique opportunity to not only reaffirm that relationship, but to also further the more recent friendships established with Mesa and Gatineau.

Council's approval of the visit and related expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Douglas P. Drummond,
MAYOR