

CITY OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR DOUGLAS P. DRUMMOND
SUBJECT: SISTER CITY VISIT, MESA ARIZONA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the 2001 Sister City Visit to Mesa, Arizona from 2001, March 15 to 19.
2. THAT four members of Council, two staff, the President of B.C.I.T. Dr. A. Knowles, a representative of the Burnaby Board of Trade and a representative of Burnaby's high-technology industry be appointed as delegates of Council for the purpose of the Sister City Visit and THAT related expenses as outlined in this report be drawn from the stabilization reserve.

REPORT

In 1998 Burnaby Council entered into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Mesa, Arizona. Since that time City of Mesa Council, business and community representatives have visited Burnaby in an exchange of ideas, concerns, and information about areas of mutual interest.

City of Mesa representatives visited Burnaby and participated in our Millennium Celebrations in July, 2000. Arising from that visit Burnaby Council have been invited to visit Mesa in March, 2001. Costs associated with the visit are estimated at \$15,000 Cdn.

Adoption of this report will allow staff to undertake the necessary arrangements for the Sister City visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas P. Drummond
MAYOR