

CITY OF BURNABY

TO: BURNABY CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 2003 JANUARY 13

FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN

SUBJECT: SISTER CITY VISIT, MESA, ARIZONA

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the 2003 Sister City visit to Mesa, Arizona from March 20 to 23 as set out in this report.
2. **THAT** in addition to members of Council, an invitation be extended to six City staff members, a representative from B.C.I.T., the Burnaby School Board and two representatives from the Burnaby Board of Trade to accompany the delegation to Mesa, Arizona.
3. **THAT** the Open Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 24 be cancelled and rescheduled to Monday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Room and 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

REPORT

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


City of Mesa representatives visited Burnaby in August 2002 at which time representatives from both municipalities attended workshops focusing on mutually beneficial economic development, tourism and educational opportunities.

Following this recent exchange the City of Mesa have invited the City of Burnaby to visit their City in order to continue more detailed discussions of the issues introduced this past summer. Costs associated with the visit are estimated at approximately \$28,000 Cdn. Funds are available from stabilization reserve.

Council approval of this report is required in order for staff to proceed with the necessary arrangements for the Sister City visit.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAYOR