

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2007

FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN

SUBJECT: CITY OF CHANGSHU, CHINA TO VISIT CITY OF BURNABY

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council authorize the hosting of the delegation visiting from Changshu, China on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

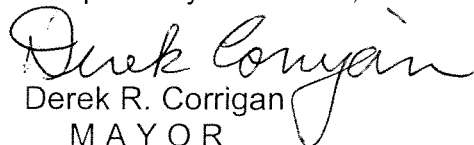
**REPORT**

As Council will recall, earlier this year I accepted an invitation from the Burnaby Board of Trade and led an economic development mission to China and Taiwan. The purpose of the mission was to highlight and explore increased business links and forge new business partnerships in the cities of Changshu, Wuxi, Zhuhai and Shanghai.

We have just learned that the Mayor Wang Jiankang, City of Changshu, accompanied by a small delegation of six (6) City representatives will be visiting Burnaby for two days; September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. It would be most appropriate for the City of Burnaby to take advantage of this opportunity to further pursue business links and partnerships with Changshu and also, to return the kind hospitality bestowed upon myself, the City Manager and Burnaby Board of Trade representatives during our visit to the City of Changshu.

Therefore, I am proposing that arrangements be made to host one dinner, one lunch, a tour of Burnaby, transportation and other incidentals. The estimated cost is \$5,000.00 and funds are available in Council's Civic Receptions and Miscellaneous budget.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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MAYOR

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