

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

DATE: JULY 21, 2008

FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN

SUBJECT: HWASEONG CITY, KOREA TO VISIT CITY OF BURNABY

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

**REPORT**


The Mayor's Office has received notification from the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Tong-mo Suh, that a 5-member delegation of local government officials from Hwaseong City, Korea will be visiting the City of Burnaby on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Hwaseong City would like to establish cooperative exchange programs with the City of Burnaby in the areas of economy, culture and education.

The purpose of this first visit to Burnaby is to establish goals, objectives and possible future exchange activities. Therefore, I recommend that the City of Burnaby take advantage of this opportunity to meet with Hwaseong city officials and explore the possibility of partnering in a friendly relationship.

Due to short notice of the visit, staff are in the process of arranging an itinerary which will include two dinners and a lunch meeting. Hwaseong City officials will also be meeting with representatives from Simon Fraser University, B.C. Institute of Technology and the Burnaby Board of Education to discuss educational exchange programs.

The estimated cost to host the delegation from Hwaseong City is \$5,000.00 and funds are available in Council's Civic Receptions and Miscellaneous budget.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Derek R. Corrigan  
MAYOR

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City Clerk