

TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**DATE:** 2009 August 31**FROM:** MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN**SUBJECT: UPDATE - 2009 TWINNING PROGRAM FOR THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA ASIA PACIFIC INITIATIVE.**

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PURPOSE: To advise of further initiatives in support of the Province's B.C.Asia
Twinning Program

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT**Background**

Earlier in 2009, Council received a detailed report discussing the City of Burnaby's Sister Cities and Friendship Cities and advising that the City was selected to receive one time funding of \$50,000 from the Provincial Government to promote further twinning initiatives.

Twinning initiatives enhance the ability of our City to support the multi-faceted economic, educational, tourism and cultural opportunities presented through our friendly relationships in Japan, Taiwan and China.

We, as a city, are very proud of our strong and lengthy history associated with international relationships. For example, Burnaby was one of the first communities in Canada to recognize the economic and cultural opportunities of 'twinning' with Asian cities, and has supported a 'sister city' relationship with Kushiro, Japan since 1965. And more recently, the City of Burnaby has entered into Friendship Agreements with Taichung, Taiwan and Zhongshan and Changshu, Peoples Republic of China.

Proposal

Through a planning strategy, accomplished in partnership with the Burnaby Board of Trade, the City developed a program of initiatives in 2009 to further develop its twinning relationships. In addition to those initiatives, and with Council's approval, I now propose to lead an official delegation of City Councillors, Board of Education representatives, Board of Trade representatives and City staff to visit the cities of Beijing and Tianjin, P.R. of China for the purpose of joining together in business and friendly relationships. This working visit has a busy itinerary in both cities, encompassing a multitude of strategic meetings. The visit to Tianjin will result in the signing of a Friendship

Agreement (see attached invitation from People's Republic of China, Tianjin Dongli District Government).

In conjunction with this mission, I have been invited as a moderator/guest speaker at the World Economic Forum in Dalian, China. This opportunity will also provide Council delegates with an opportunity to meet with government officials in Dalian to determine the level of interest in pursuing a future relationship between the two cities.

Funding

As mentioned previously in this report, the provincial government provided the City of Burnaby with one-time funding of \$50,000.00 to promote B.C. Asia twinning initiatives. This grant covered the cost of the exchange mission to Taiwan and China in May, 2009 and will partially support the proposed mission to China in September, 2009. Funding from the Sister City budget will be utilized to cover any additional costs over and above funds remaining in the provincial government grant.

Respectfully submitted,


Derek R. Corrigan
MAYOR

- cc: City Manager
- Director Finance
- Director Planning and Building
- Director Engineering
- Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

加拿大 B.C 省本拿比市政府市长柯瑞根及夫人:

Mayor Derek Corrigan and his wife of the city of Burnaby, Canada

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我代表中华人民共和国天津市东丽区政府热情欢迎您和您的夫人及市政府代表团于2009年9月来我区建立友好城市合作事宜进行访问。

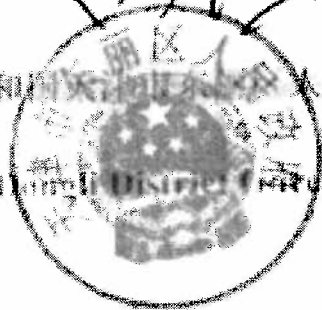
On behalf of the People's Republic of China Tianjin Dongli District Government warmly welcomes you and your wife and the city government delegation in September 2009 to the establishment of friendship cities / visit co-operation.

Faithfully,

高洪平

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People's Republic of China Tianjin Dongli District Government



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July 18, 2009