

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS DATE: JULY 21, 2010  
FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL SISTER CITY VISIT - MESA, ARIZONA  
FRIENDSHIP CITY VISIT – ZHONGSHAN, CHINA

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council authorize costs associated with hosting of a 25-member delegation from Sister City Mesa, Arizona from August 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and an 8-member delegation from Zhongshan, China on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**REPORT**

**Mesa, Arizona**

A 25-member delegation from Sister City Mesa, Arizona will be traveling to the City of Burnaby for an official visit from August 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The delegation will be led by Mayor Scott Smith and is comprised of representatives from Mesa City Council, Mesa's Sister Cities Association and the Arizona Sister Cities Association.

The City of Burnaby has enjoyed a Sister City relationship with Mesa, Arizona since March, 1999. Over the years, this partnership has provided opportunities for the exchange of new ideas and new ways of doing business. Long-lasting friendships have been made and we have come to realize that our similarities are much greater than our differences. Our common goals make this Sister City relationship even more meaningful and more important.

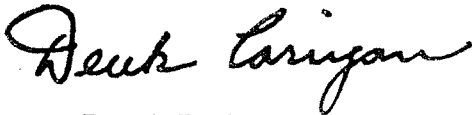
**Zhongshan, China**

The Mayor's Office has also received notice that representatives from Burnaby's Friendship City, Zhongshan, China will visit Burnaby on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The 8-member delegation will be led by Junfeng (Joe) Zhang, Deputy Director General, Zhongshan Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau and is comprised of representatives from the animation and gaming industry. The purpose of the visit is to connect with officials from Electronic Arts to discuss future business opportunities and to meet with representatives of Simon Fraser University and B.C.I.T. to discuss training opportunities in public administration. This visit is also intended to fulfill the obligation of the Memorandum of Agreement between our two cities to work towards developing a more beneficial and meaningful relationship.

**Cost Estimate**

Tentative arrangements are underway to host both groups of delegates and these arrangements include a welcome reception, workshops, business meetings, demonstrations, tours of civic facilities and educational institutes, an official dinner and a farewell reception. The cost of hosting this visit is estimated at \$28,000.00 and funds are available for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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