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**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON INITIATIVES WITH BURNABY'S SISTER CITY –  
ZHONGSHAN, CHINA**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve funding to host visitors from Zhongshan, China as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

**Students From Zhongshan, China Participating In Burnaby School District's Summer English Language Academy**

The International Relations & Friendship Cities Committee, at its meeting held on 2012 June 12, discussed an opportunity to host 40 students visiting from Burnaby's Sister City, Zhongshan, China who are participating in Burnaby School District's Summer English Language Academy.

The Summer English Language Academy Program provides an opportunity for international students to experience a summer in Canada with an academic focus. The program is led by certified teachers and introduces students to Canadian study methods and culture. Participation in this program is a direct result of the existing Sister City Relationship between Burnaby and Zhongshan.

It is recommended that an invitation be extended to the students and their chaperones to visit City Hall at the end of the program and prior to their return to Zhongshan. Arrangements will be made for a tour of Burnaby City Hall, a visit to the Burnaby Village Museum for a ride on the 1912 Parker Carousel and light refreshments at the Ice Cream Parlor. The estimated cost to host these activities is \$1,200.00 and funds are available in the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget.

To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors  
From: International Relations & Friendship Cities  
Committee  
Re: Students from Zhongshan, China participating in  
Burnaby School District's International Summer  
Program

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### **Zhongshan Government Officials Visit Burnaby**

The International Relations & Friendship Cities Committee has received notice that a delegation comprising of 27 officials from Zhongshan, China will visit the City of Burnaby on August 20, 2012. The purpose of the visit is to acquaint senior representatives from Zhongshan's various municipal departments and township governments with members of Burnaby City Council, to learn more about the City of Burnaby and to present an official gift of traditional "drunken dragon" statues to commemorate the Sister City relationship.

The Committee agrees that this one-day visit will serve to further strengthen the Sister City relationship and provide an opportunity, although brief, to share information on matters of mutual concern and interest. An itinerary for this visit has not been prepared as staff are awaiting confirmation of the delegation's arrival. However, it is anticipated that hosting costs will not exceed \$3,000.00 and funds are available in the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Chang  
Chair

Councillor P. McDonell  
Vice Chair

Councillor P. Calendino  
Member

Copied to: City Manager Deputy City Manager Director Finance Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Mayor's Office
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