

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: CITY OF BURNABY / SISTER CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
2014 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council approve the one-time grant for up to two economy return airfares, not to exceed \$1,500, for the 2014 International Student Exchange program with the City of Mesa, Arizona, as outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to: Ms. Baljinder Narang, Chair, Burnaby Board of Education, Mr. Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Burnaby Board of Education and Kevin Brant, Director of Instruction, Burnaby Board of Education at 5325 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, BC V5G 1W2.

**REPORT**

The International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee, at its meeting held on 2014 February 05, received and adopted the *attached* report which seeks funding approval for a one-time grant for up to two economy return airfares from Vancouver, BC to Mesa/Phoenix, Arizona to a maximum of \$1,500, for the 2014 International Student Exchange program.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Chang  
Chair

Councillor P. McDonell  
Vice Chair

Councillor P. Calendino  
Member

Copied to: City Manager Deputy City Managers Director Finance Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND  
FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2014 January 30

**FROM:** ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE  
MAYOR

**FILE:** 2410 - 20  
*Reference:* IRFCC

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

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**REPORT**

At the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee meeting held on 2013 September 13, the Committee received correspondence from Mr. Robert Shultz, Chair, Burnaby Committee for Mesa Sister Cities Association, initiating discussion of a student exchange program for summer 2014. A letter was forwarded to the Burnaby Board of Education to determine its interest in the student exchange program.

At the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee meeting of 2014 January 22, the Committee received a delegation from the Burnaby Board of Education regarding the proposed student exchange between the City of Burnaby and its' Sister City of Mesa, Arizona scheduled for July 2014.

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Committee*  
From: *Administrative Assistant to the Mayor*  
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Arising from the discussion, the Committee suggested that interested students investigate fundraising opportunities to cover future travel and insurance requirements. The Committee also undertook to discuss options with Council regarding consideration for potential funding options to cover a portion of the Burnaby students' expenses for the exchange.

It has now been determined that, with Council's approval, funding is available through the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee budget to cover the one-time cost of up to two economy return airline tickets, to a maximum of \$1,500, for the 2014 Burnaby student exchange program. The Committee agrees that this opportunity for Burnaby students to participate in an educational exchange program with students from Mesa, Arizona meets the goals and objective of Burnaby's International Sister and Friendship Cities program.



Aaron Fourt  
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor

cc: City Manager  
Deputy City Managers  
Director Finance