

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA SISTER CITY DELEGATION VISIT TO
THE CITY OF BURNABY**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the expenses related to the hosting of a 11-member delegation from Burnaby's Sister City of Mesa, Arizona, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

The International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee, at its meeting held on 2014 November 20, received and adopted the *attached* report to seek funding approval for the hosting of a 11-member delegation from Burnaby's Sister City of Mesa, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,

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 November 18

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
MAYOR

FILE: 2410 - 20
Reference: IRFCC

SUBJECT: CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA SISTER CITY DELEGATION VISIT TO
THE CITY OF BURNABY

PURPOSE: To seek funding approval for the hosting of an 11-member delegation from Burnaby's Sister City of Mesa, Arizona from September 4-7, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee request Council approval for expenses related to the hosting of an 11-member delegation from Burnaby's Sister City of Mesa, Arizona, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

At the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee meeting held on 2014 January 9, the Committee received correspondence from Mr. Robert Shultz, Chair, Burnaby Committee for Mesa Sister Cities Association, initiating discussion of a possible Sister City delegation visit to Burnaby in 2014 to celebrate 15 years of formal relations between the two cities.

Arising from further correspondence between Burnaby and Mesa staff, a formal letter of invitation was issued from Mayor Derek Corrigan inviting Mesa's Mayor, Council Members, and Senior Staff to visit Burnaby from September 4-7, 2014 as part of the reciprocal hosting arrangements under the Sister City agreement.

Correspondence from Mesa Mayor Alex Finter was received in May, 2014 expressing the acceptance of the invitation and indicating that the Mesa delegation would be led by Mesa's Vice-Mayor and be composed of City Council Members, Senior City Executives, and Mesa Sister City Board Members.

A detailed itinerary was prepared to reflect the interests and specializations of the visiting delegation to maximize opportunities for mutual learning and the sharing of best municipal practices in the City of Burnaby. As well, other opportunities were arranged for sharing Burnaby's strengths in the areas of Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Education, Healthcare, Parks and Environment, Heritage Preservation, and Tourism.

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Funds are available through the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee budget to cover the costs associated with hosting the Mesa delegation in the amount of \$5,100, for the 2014 Official Sister City visit. The Committee agrees that this opportunity for Burnaby to host the Mesa delegation will strengthen the ongoing Sister City relationship and 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