



Item
Meeting 2015 Aug 24

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2015 August 07

FROM: CITY CLERK **FILE:** 2400-20

SUBJECT: 2015 SISTER CITY VISIT

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval for an official Sister City visit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve an official Sister City delegation to attend Burnaby's two Sister Cities of Kushiro, Japan and Hwaseong, South Korea to maintain ongoing relations between our cities and to join in a 50 year Sister City celebration with our Sister City Kushiro.
2. **THAT** Council approve funding from Gaming Interest Funds for this official Sister City visit as set out in this report.

REPORT

Burnaby's first sister city relationship was initiated with Kushiro, Japan by Reeve Alan Emmott in 1965. At that time, delegates from the City of Kushiro visited Burnaby and an Exchange Affiliation Agreement was signed. In 1990, the Exchange Affiliation Agreement was renewed in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the relationship. This year our two cities celebrate a 50th Anniversary milestone. The City of Burnaby hosted a delegation of 22 members from Kushiro, Japan from 2015 July 7 to 2015 July 11 in celebration of this very special event and again renewed our Exchange Affiliation Agreement.

In addition in September 2010, the City of Burnaby signed a Sister City agreement with Hwaseong, South Korea who also visited our City this summer.

Both of our two Sister Cities have extended invitations to Council to reciprocate with a visit to their Cities. Throughout the past half-century, numerous exchanges have taken place in the fields of art and culture, education and sport that have resulted in deep ties. It is appropriate and meets the objectives of our Sister City program for members of Council to undertake reciprocal visits in recognition of maintaining relations between our cities of Burnaby, Kushiro (Japan) and Hwaseong (South Korea).

It is recommended that Council approve funding for the following members of Council to travel on an official Burnaby Sister City visit: Mayor Corrigan, Councillor Calendino, Councillor

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Johnston, Councillor Kang, Councillor McDonell, and Councillor Wang. Four senior staff: City Manager Bob Moncur, Deputy City Manager Lambert Chu, Director Planning and Building Lou Pelletier, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services David Ellenwood, and four administrative support staff are expected to accompany the delegation. Sufficient funding is available from the Gaming Interest Funds within the 2015 Operating Budget for these expenditures.

It is recommended that Council approve an official Sister City delegation to attend Burnaby's two Sister Cities of Kushiro, Japan and Hwaseong, Korea to maintain ongoing relations between our cities and to join in a 50 year celebration with our Sister City Kushiro.

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