



## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE**

### *NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING*

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, 2017 APRIL 12  
**TIME:** 12:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Clerk's Committee Room, City Hall

### **A G E N D A**

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- A) Community Engagement Manager  
Re: Potential City of Mesa Sister Visit to Burnaby on Canada's  
150th and Burnaby's 125th Anniversary
- B) Community Engagement Manager  
Re: Italian Sister City Exploration Update

**5. INQUIRIES**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**



## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**Tuesday, 2017 January 31**

An Open meeting of the International Relations & Friendship Cities Committee was held in the Clerk's Committee Room, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 2017 January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Councillor P. McDonell, Chair  
Councillor J. Wang, Vice Chair  
Councillor P. Calendino, Member

STAFF: Mr. Aaron Fourt, Community Engagement Manager  
Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

#### **2. MINUTES**

##### **A) Minutes of the Open meeting of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee held on 2016 November 24**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the Open International Relations & Friendship Cities Committee meeting held on 2016 November 24 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **3. REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**A) Report from Community Engagement Manager  
Re: 2017 International Relations Expenses**

A report was received from the Community Engagement Manager seeking expenditure authorization for general purpose international relation related expenses.

The Community Engagement Manager recommended:

1. THAT the Committee authorize expenditures to an annual maximum of \$20,000 for delegation related activities from the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee 2017 budget.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendation of the Community Engagement Manager be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Report from Community Engagement Manager  
Re: 2017 City of Burnaby China Delegation**

A report was received from the Community Engagement Manager seeking funding approval for a Council delegation visit to China in 2017.

The Community Engagement Manager recommended:

1. THAT City of Burnaby Council representatives outlined in this report be authorized to attend the delegation visit to Burnaby's Sister and Friendship Cities in China from March 7-18, 2017, and that all associated expenses be approved for payment in accordance with City Policy from the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee 2017 operating budget.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendation of the Community Engagement Manager be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councillor Wang**

Councillor Wang inquired regarding the gift of the Dr. Sun-Yat Sen statue to the City of Burnaby by the City of Zhongshan.

Councillor Wang recommended that the City of Burnaby delegation to China visit Foshan, Guangdong, noting that Ballard Power Systems in Burnaby has an established relationship with the City of Foshan and Foshan companies.

Staff undertook to investigate.

**5. INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Nikolina Vracar  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Paul McDonell  
CHAIR

**From:** [oyotourismboard005@yahoo.com](mailto:oyotourismboard005@yahoo.com) [<mailto:oyotourismboard005@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** February-14-17 5:19 AM  
**To:** Mayor; Clerks  
**Subject:** STUDY TRIP PROPOSAL

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF OYO STATE OF NIGERIA**

Oyo State was one of the three states Oyo , ogun and Ondo carried out of the Former Western state of Nigeria on 3rd February, 1976 by the General Mohammed / obasanjo led military Government. The state , however, formally took off with its own administration 1st April,1976.

In 1991,the Former Oyo State was split into two, the present Oyo State and Osun State in another states Creation exercise by the general Babangida Government..

Ibadan is the Oyo State Capital, it was reputed to be the most populous and largest city in Black africa.Finally,Oyo State is the largest out of the Thirty-six(36) states that make up the Federal republic of Nigeria.

The State is blessed with Hundreds of tourist Sites and holds a major position on the comity of towns and cities that make up a rich Nigeria.Yet, this has never been exposed to bring attention to the States as a Tourist Haven with a rich culture of people, tradition and hospitality together with the outside world most especially Burnaby,British Columbia,which shares the same tourism riches with Oyo states.

## **MISSION**

In the world of adverse economic reality, low price of crude oil and other non-favorable indices, it is imperative for Government to fund additional source of income so as to develop their states.

Oyo States being a State that is abundantly blessed with natural and Tourist resources,large land mass and high population with cosmopolitan features need to diversify its revenue generation base.

This proposal is aimed at helping achieving this end by giving how to generate money. Oyo State as the

Pace Setting State in the Nation still has a lot of tourism potential even though the State Government needs to be commended on its initiative and recent successes in tourism development in the state.

The study trip will help the Board to tap into the huge and rich expertise of the Burnaby Community,British Columbia in achieving of the following:

1. Resources Development
2. Tourist General Projects
3. People Oriented Projects
4. SME Development
5. International Exposure
6. International Investment
7. Education Developments

### **WHY WE CHOOSE BURNABY**

British Columbia is a popular State in Canada. It has a highly developed tourism industry from which it generates a lot of revenue annually, most especially Burnaby Community, where many historical and cultural attractions were preserved and developed and are generating huge revenue to both Government and Individuals.

### **MAJOR TOURIST SITES IN BURNABY**

Burnaby Tours and Charters

Burnaby Village Museum

Capilano Suspension Bridge

Grouse Mountain

Museum Anthropology

Hell Gate Air Tram

Burnaby Art Gallery e.t.c

### **BENEFIT TO BOTH PARTIES**

This trip will serve both as working visit, study trip and also recreational purposes for the staffs of the State Tourism Board , Stakeholders in Tourism Business and all interested Tourists as may be presented by the collaboration company (i.e. Protectlime Services Nig.Ltd.)

The persistence visit will afford members to experience Firsthand various attractions,

how they are operated, maintained and how both Government and Private Sector can mutually benefit from partnership in this sector and most importantly, revenue and employment generation opportunities and also to meet, discuss and tap into the experience of the people and companies that have been successfully operating tourist centers in the community.

**REMARK**

**For further clarification, please contact:**

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017.

PRESENT:

Hon. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles	City Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
Hon. Elizabeth B. Bagonoc	City Councilor
Hon. Alberto D. Pacquiao	City Councilor
Hon. Rosalita T. Nuñez	City Councilor
Hon. Jose Orlando R. Acharon	City Councilor
Hon. Dominador S. Lagare, Jr.	City Councilor
Hon. Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño	City Councilor
Hon. Jose Edmar J. Yumang	City Councilor
Hon. Vandyke B. Congson	City Councilor
Hon. Lourdes F. Casabuena	City Councilor
Hon. Ramon R. Melliza	City Councilor
Hon. Brix T. Tan	City Councilor
Hon. Benjamin P. Talon	City Councilor (Indigenous Peoples Representative)

ABSENT:

Hon. Franklin M. Gacal, Jr.	City Councilor (OB)
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RESOLUTION NO. 184  
Series of 2017

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS' INTENT TO ESTABLISH SISTERHOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

HON. SHIRLYN L. BAÑAS-NOGRALES – AUTHOR  
JOINT SPONSORSHIP

WHEREAS, the City of General Santos advocates sisterhood agreements with other cities of the world, thereby, its officials representing the city constituency promulgate measures that favor people to engage in friendly activities with other geographically-distant places generally to promote world peace and understanding, and particularly to improve the flow of trade and commerce, including the enhancement of educational, tourism and cultural exchanges;

WHEREAS, the City of Burnaby is considered as one of Canada's best run city in terms of governance, economy, information technology, and environmental standards, added with the fact that it is home to diverse groups of people, wherein among other large ethnic and immigrant populations, 7.0% accounts for Filipino inhabitants;


WHEREAS, this City Council desires to accomplish this accord with the Officials and the people of the City of Burnaby towards achieving the ideals of sisterhood advocacy, thus giving both cities a chance to offer future hosting of delegates and visitors that will continually foster international cooperation for socio-economic growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of City Councilor Elizabeth B. Bagonoc for joint sponsorship, duly seconded by City Councilors Alberto D. Pacquiao, Rosalita T. Nuñez, Jose Orlando R. Acharon, Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño, Jose Edmar J. Yumang, Vandyke B. Congson, Lourdes F. Casabuena and Brix T. Tan, be it -


RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to express the City of General Santos' intent to establish a Sisterhood Relationship with the City of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.

Passed by the 18<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of General Santos, on its 29<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held on February 28, 2017.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
ATTY. ROSENDO A. ROQUE  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

 ATTESTED BY:

  
SHIRLYN L. BANAS-NOGRALES  
City Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

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March 20, 2017

Dear Mayor Derek Corrigan,

As the Mayor of Taichung City, I am pleased to extend a warm invitation to all the government entities, organizations and institutes of your city to join us as international participants, sponsors, supporters or event performers of the **2018 Taichung World Flora Exposition**, from November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It is a great opportunity for you and your citizens to enjoy the best quality of life and world famous attractions in Taichung ranked among the top destinations by Business Insider UK and Euromonitor International.

It is truly the honor of Taichung City to host the 2018 Taichung World Flora Exposition, which is recognized and supported by International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH). The theme of the Expo is "Rediscover GNP: Green, Nature and People", which symbolizes a new way of life by integrating low-carbon and natural-oriented transportation, urban development and technologies. Three distinctive parks, Houli Horse Ranch & Forest Park, Fengyuan Huludun Park and Waipu Yongfeng Park, will be built on different sub-themes of natural coexistence and horse ranch recreation, riverside leisure and agricultural sustainability. I ensure that you will have a rewarding experience if you could honor us with your participation in this event.

Your participation will make the Expo a success. Your generous contribution will be acknowledged and having valuable opportunities of showcasing to the world for your brand awareness. I sincerely look forward to welcoming you and your citizens to my lovely city. Meanwhile, I strongly believe your stay will be a memorable one, where you will get to experience "The Sound of Blooming" as well as the spirit of a very unique part of Taichung City!

For more information, please contact us through [2018tcfloraexpo@gmail.com](mailto:2018tcfloraexpo@gmail.com) or visit the website at <http://www.2018floraexpo.tw/>. See you in 2018!

Yours sincerely,

Chia-Lung Lin  
Mayor of Taichung City

歡迎!      Welcome!      Bienvenida!      Willkommen!      Bienvenue!      歡迎!      환영!      Welkom!



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Dear Burnaby Government, Canada

In order to further improve the friendship between our two cities, and to cultivate the global leaders among the youths of our cities, Hwaseong City would like to suggest 「2017 Student Homestay Exchange Program」 with the details below.

1. Participants: 10 Middle school students (Age between 12 and 14, 5 of each gender), 2 Guides

2. Details (Major terms for negotiation)

① Fees

- Airplane tickets are borne by the students' country or the visitors.
- Interpretation, accommodation and others are borne by the hosting country.
- Domestic and overseas traveler's insurance is essential. (borne by individuals)

② Process

- 1 on 1 homestay matching for students of same gender from each country
- Hwaseong and Burnaby must put their best efforts for the safety of the visitors.

(At least 1 government official included in the guides)

- Certificates from Mayor of each city must be given to the homestay families.

③ Program Management (Led by the hosting country)

(Day: management by the hosting country, Night: matching homestay,  
Weekend: matching homestay for the entire day)

3. Period: 9 Nights 10 Days in Korea → 9 Nights 10 Days in Canada  
(During summer breaks)

In Korea (Burnaby → Hwaseong)	In Canada (Hwaseong → Burnaby)
Jul. 26 – Aug. 4	Aug. 8 – Aug. 17

※ Schedules are subject to change.

4. Schedule as Friendly Exchange Cities

- ① Exchanging MOU for Homestay Program: By March 20<sup>th</sup> in Korea
- ② Establishing Homestay Plan: In April
- ③ Recruiting and selecting students: In May
- ④ Training students and parents: In June
- ⑤ Homestay Exchange: July and August
- ⑥ Delivering the certificates from Mayors of both cities to homestay families

As we would like to be informed of the opinions from your city regarding the plans above, we would like to kindly ask for your reply for the middle school students' homestay exchange for our cities in 2017.

April , 2017

Kim, Gye-sun  
Education Division  
Hwaseong City, Republic of Korea

# 昆明市 人 民 政 府

## **Kunming Municipal People's Government**

### **Invitation to the International Sistership Pavilion of 2017 South & Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair**

Dear Mayor,

On behalf of the people of Kunming Municipality of Yunnan Province and in my own name, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and to all the citizens of your city.

To strengthen the friendly exchanges and investment cooperation between China, Yunnan Province in particular, and South Asian & Southeast Asian countries and the rest of the world, 2017 South & Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair ("SACEIF" for short), co-hosted by China Chamber of International Commerce, SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry and ASEAN-China Centre, is scheduled to be held at Dianchi International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Kunming from June 12 to 18, 2017. The International Sistership Pavilion, composed of the Image Presentation and Business Booth Area, will be set up at the Fair, providing a new platform of pragmatic exchanges and cooperation for the already-established friendship relations between our two sides.

I cordially invite you to attend the 2017 SACEIF and invite your city and its enterprises to exhibit at the Sistership Pavilion, where they can meet and discuss with the Chinese and Yunnan provincial business circles to seek for business opportunities for common development and prosperity, lifting our sister-city relationship to a new stage.

It will be highly appreciated if the invitation is accepted and exhibition participation information could be feedback before **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 2017.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of three Chinese characters: 王喜良 (Wang Xiliang).

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