



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

### **MINUTES**

An Open meeting of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee was held in the Council Board Room, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, **2019 March 21** at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Councillor P. McDonell, Member (*Due to illness*)

STAFF: Ms. E. Wong, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Ms. M. Macdonald, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the unceded, traditional, and ancestral lands of the hə́ŋqəmiṇəm and sk̓wxwú7mesh speaking people, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared Coast Salish territory.

#### **2. MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee Open meeting held on 2018 April 04**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee Open meeting held on 2018 April 04 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**a) Report from the Executive Assistant to the Mayor**  
**Re: 2019 International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee**  
**(IRFCC) Expenditure Authorization**

The Executive Assistant to the Mayor submitted a report seeking expenditure authorization for 2019 IRFCC expenses.

The Executive Assistant to the Mayor recommended:

1. THAT the Committee authorize expenditures to an annual maximum of \$30,000 for delegation related activities from the IRFCC 2019 budget.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendation of the Executive Assistant to the Mayor be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) Report from the Executive Assistant to the Mayor**  
**Re: Sister City Proposal - Padua, Italy**

The Executive Assistant to the Mayor submitted a report seeking consideration of a proposal for a Sister City relationship with Padua, Italy.

The Executive Assistant to the Mayor recommended:

1. THAT a Sister City relationship with Padua, Italy be considered.

2. THAT His Worship, Mayor M. Hurley, on behalf of Council, send a letter to Ms. Antonia Ranieri, Gabinetto del Sindaco di Padova, in response to this proposal.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendations of the Executive Assistant to the Mayor be adopted.

- Amended

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT recommendation #2 be **AMENDED** to read “THAT His Worship, Mayor M. Hurley, on behalf of Council, send a letter to the City of Padua to initiate a dialogue regarding a Sister City relationship.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendations of the Executive Assistant to the Mayor be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Councillor Wang – Sister and Friendship City Relationships List**

Councillor Wang inquired regarding the comprehensiveness of the Sister and Friendship City list, and noted there are possibly additional Memoranda of Understanding to be included on the City website listing of Sister and Friendship Cities.

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested the Councillor Wang provide information on possible missing information to staff, to assist with updating and validating the list.

##### **Councillor Wang – Relationship Proposal - City in the Philippines**

Councillor Wang advised the Committee that the Consul General of the Philippines, Vancouver, has expressed interest in a Sister/Friendship City relationship with a city in the Philippines.

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested this matter be considered at the 2019 April 24 meeting.

#### **5. INQUIRIES**

##### **Councillor Wang – City of Burnaby Invitation Letter to Cities in China**

Councillor Wang inquired regarding the feasibility of sending an invitation letter to all existing Sister and Friendship Cities in China to the Chinese Festival to be held at Swangard Stadium, Burnaby in 2019 July.

Arising from discussion, the Committee recommended that any invitation be sent by the Chinese Festival Organizing Committee and that staff provide contact information of Sister and Friendship Cities in China, if requested by the Organizing Committee.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this Open meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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Monica Macdonald  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor James Wang  
CHAIR