



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2019 APRIL 24

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall

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MINUTES

An Open meeting of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee was held in the Council Committee 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

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 hə́ŋqəminə́m and sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh 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.

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor James Wang
CHAIR



To:

Mr .Mike Hurley

The Mayor of Burnaby city

Dear Mr. Hurley,

Dura is located 8 km southwest of Hebron / West Bank and is the center of more than 43 villages and rural communities and it is considered to be the second largest area in the west bank area is 145000 dunums.

Is characterized by the role of many organizations, institutions and associations that provide services to the population and aims to improve their social, economic and environmental status ... etc. Dura municipality is one of those organizations that seek to help citizens in their lives.

The population of the city of Dura and its villages is about 105 thousand people in the total gatherings and about 41 thousand for the city of Dura (center) according to the Palestinian census 2017.

Dura Municipality was established in 1967 and has continuous ambitions to serve all members of society (children, women, the elderly, youth and handicaps), for example, it provides water, electricity, paved roads, garden, playground ... etc. He also does not rule out people with special needs from his program. He established the first center in the West Bank for these marginalized groups to serve and integrate them into society.

The municipality seeks to exchange experiences with similar municipalities in serving the population in this context, we hope to be in touch with a number of friendly municipalities in which we can share experiences in the field of joint work.

We would be happy if you agreed to build a relationship or partnership with our city Or participate in supporting our projects and all the hope of waiting for your response with all happiness

Sincerely Yours,

AHMED A.H. SWAITI

Mayor, Dura Municipality





March 29th, 2019

Mayor Mike Hurley and Councillor James Wang
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC
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Note from Clerks Office:

Report from International Relations and
Friendship Cities Committee appears on
the Council Agenda for 2019 April 08.

Dear Sirs,

As the board of trade in one of the most diverse communities in the country, we understand the importance and value of fostering and strengthening international relationships, and encourage the City of Burnaby to establish such a relationship with the City of Padua, Italy.

Over the years, the Burnaby Board of Trade has hosted international delegations from and participated in visits to Burnaby's sister and friendship cities including Kushiro, Japan, Hwaseong, Korea and Zhongshan, China. The benefits of developing these types of relationships is a deepening of cultural understanding and the creation of potential economic collaboration. I can personally attest to the value of these types of relationships in facilitating trade and business activity.

To date, much focus has been on building relationships in Asia. However, we were excited to learn that the City of Padua in Italy has indicated an interest in starting a dialogue toward an eventual sister city relationship with the City of Burnaby. The settlement of the Italian community in all parts of the country, including Burnaby, has profoundly impacted the Canadian cultural and business landscape. In fact, we are proud to share that Milani Plumbing, Drainage and Heating, the 2018 Burnaby Business Hall of Fame inductee, chose to make Burnaby its home many decades ago when the founder immigrated to our community from Italy.

Like Padua, the City of Burnaby has grown to be a significant and diverse hub for businesses in the life sciences, technology, and innovation sectors. In addition, Burnaby and Padua both have strong post-secondary education sectors in our respective cities.

The Burnaby Board of Trade encourages the City of Burnaby to pursue a sister city agreement with the City of Padua, and I would be delighted to discuss this further and explore any ways the Burnaby Board of Trade could be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Holden
President and CEO
Burnaby Board of Trade

Copied to:
City Manager
Dir. Corporate Services
Executive Assistant to Mayor

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