



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

### **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 **Wednesday, 2019 April 24** at 4:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Councillor James Wang, Chair  
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Vice Chair  
Councillor Paul McDonell, Member

STAFF: Ms. Elaine Wong, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the unceded, traditional, and ancestral lands of the hə́ŋqəmiṇə́m 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 2019 March 21](#)

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the minutes of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee Open meeting held on 2019 March 21 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**A) [Correspondence from the Mayor of Dura Municipality, State of Palestine](#)**  
**Re: Proposal for a Sister/Friendship City Relationship**

Correspondence was received from the Mayor of Dura Municipality, State of Palestine proposing a Sister/Friendship City relationship with the City of Burnaby.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT staff send a letter in response to the Mayor of Dura Municipality declining an offer of a Sister/Friendship City relationship with Dura Municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) [Correspondence from the Burnaby Board of Trade \(BBOT\)](#)**  
**Re: Letter of support for a Sister/Friendship City Relationship with Padua, Italy**

Correspondence was received from the BBOT providing support for fostering and strengthening international relationships, and encouraging Burnaby enter into a Sister City relationship with the City of Padua, Italy.

Staff advised that the BBOT letter appeared on the Council Correspondence package received up to 2019 April 04.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councillor Wang - MOU and Sister/Friendship City Relationships' Records**

Councillor Wang provided information regarding Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Sister/Friendship City Agreements with cities in China.

The Committee reviewed the list of records held at the City Archives and expressed concern that the information on the City's web site is not complete.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT staff research records, review the information provided, and update the MOU and Sister/Friendship City records, as well as the listing on the City website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Calendino – Kushiro 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020**

Councillor Calendino advised that 2020 will mark the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Kushiro (Japan) and the City of Burnaby.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT staff prepare a letter for the Mayor to send to the Mayor of the City of Kushiro inquiring as to any interest in an exchange of visits in 2020, in honour of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kushiro/Burnaby Sister City relationship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. INQUIRIES**

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

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Monica Macdonald  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor James Wang  
CHAIR