



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, 2019 OCTOBER 15

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, 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 **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 hə́ŋqəmiŋə́m and sk̓w̓xwú7mesh 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 55th Anniversary in 2020

Councillor Calendino advised that 2020 will mark the 55th 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 55th 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.

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor James Wang
CHAIR



TAICHUNG CITY GOVERNMENT

The Hon. Mr. Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby,

The summer solstice has arrived and I wish to send my blessings to you. I hope that everything is going smoothly for you, with all your works progressing, city government thriving and residents prospering and in good health.

Your city through our bilateral networking has had a prosperous friendship with Taichung City, which is of great importance to me. As the Mayor of Taichung City, I hope that our two cities will have substantial exchanges in economic and trade, culture, education, tourism and much more. Let's work towards realizing this together!

The Taiwan Lantern Festival has been held by the Tourism Bureau of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications since 1990. Each year, a city will be chosen to be the host city to display the lanterns. The integration of the traditional Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival creates a colorful, dazzling display of lanterns. In 2015, the 26th Taiwan Lantern Festival held in Taichung was complimented by CNN as being "Disneyland without roller coasters". According to the data gathered, the festival that year attracted a total of 13.71 people and created over 13.1 billion New Taiwan Dollars in economic output value.

The 31st Taiwan Lantern Festival will be held in Taichung City from February 8 – 23, 2020. The predicted number of people to attend will surpass 15 million. The main exhibition area of the lantern festival will be at the Houli Park Area of the 2018 Taichung World Flora Exposition. It'll be an innovative way of displaying lanterns by integrating them with the forest and natural surroundings, creating another new chapter in the Taiwan Lantern Festival.

We would like to formally invite your city to join us in designing the lantern display area, marketing your city's tourism and cultural uniqueness. We would also like to invite you and a delegation of city officials to come join us for the opening ceremony in Taichung City. It'll be our great honor!

Lastly, I'd like to once again express my gratitude for the efforts you have made in contributing to the collaboration and networking between our two cities.

Sincerely,

Taichung City Mayor

July 10th, 2019

**Location: Taichung World Flora Exposition Houli Park Area
(including Horse Ranch and Forest Expo Site)**

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September 12, 2019

Mayor Mike Hurley
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CANADA

Dear Mayor Hurley,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your kind inquiry regarding the 55th anniversary of our sister city affiliation.

In 2015, the history of our affiliation celebrated half a century. Both cities observed the golden jubilee together in both Burnaby and Kushiro. Kushiro City, in the recent decade, has conducted commemorative events to celebrate affiliation with other cities in both Japan and overseas, to mark every ten years.

However, having a new mayor in Burnaby and a new city council in Kushiro, I would like to invite you and Burnaby city councillors to Kushiro, to commemorate the 55th anniversary in 2020.

I look forward to enhancing the productive relationship between Burnaby and Kushiro, as well as the development of the both cities.

Sincerely yours,

EBINA Hiroya
Mayor



From: Dennis Kavanaugh [REDACTED]
Sent: September-12-19 10:35 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Mayor Giles; Candice Copple; Cheryl Laflen
Subject: Mesa Sister Cities

Dear Mayor Hurley and staff:

I am the immediate past president of Mesa Sister Cities and continue to serve on our nonprofit board. I am a former Mesa Vice-Mayor and Councilmember and have visited Burnaby many times over the past twenty years (most recently in May 2018). I appreciate that your community once again participated in our student exchange program this past summer.

The City of Mesa and Mesa Sister Cities are joint partners in our Sister City program. Our Mayor, John Giles, has advised our board that he hopes to invite representatives of all five of our Sister Cities to visit Mesa in fall 2020. I will be chairing the host committee for this visit. Burnaby's last visit to Mesa occurred in November 2016.

Could you kindly advise me if the City of Burnaby might have interest in coming to Mesa in 2020? We have many details to work on over the next year but we are hoping that most if not all of our Sister Cities can have representatives attend. Our other Sister Cities are in Mexico, China, Peru and New Zealand.

Thank you for considering my inquiry. If there is a particular staff member I should be working with, please let me know.

Dennis P. Kavanaugh, Esq.
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