

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Wednesday, 2015 April 29**

An Open meeting of the International Relations & Friendship Cities Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2015 April 29 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

STAFF: Mr. Aaron Fourt, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor  
Ms. Lynne Axford, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Chair extended a welcome to Mr. Yoshi, a reporter from Vancouver Shinpo, a Japanese newspaper.

### 2. **MINUTES**

#### **A) Minutes of the Open meeting of the International Relations & Friendship Cities Committee held on 2014 November 20**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the International Relations & Friendship Cities Committee Open meeting held on 2014 November 20 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**A) Memorandum from Administrative Assistant to the Mayor  
Re: 50th Anniversary Kushiro Sister City Visit - Draft Itinerary**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor providing an overview and discussion points for the 50th Anniversary Sister City Visit. Staff submitted a DRAFT itinerary for the Committee's review in hosting the Official Sister City Delegation from Kushiro on 2015 July 07 – 11.

The Committee requested an education component be given consideration as Second Street community school students have an existing relationship with Kushiro.

**4. 2015 PROGRESSIVE LIST OF AUTHORIZED  
EXPENDITURE TO DATE - \$6,000**

**5. REPORT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**A) Report from Administrative Assistant to the Mayor  
Re: 50th Anniversary of Sister City Relations between  
Burnaby and Kushiro, Japan**

A report was received from the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor regarding the 50th Anniversary of Sister City Relations between Burnaby & Kushiro, Japan.

The Administrative Assistant to the Mayor recommended:

1. **THAT** Council approve \$8,000 in financial support for the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Center to off-set costs related to celebrations and events planned for the 50th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Burnaby and Kushiro.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Roger Lemire, Executive Director, Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Center, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC V5E 4M7.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Councillor Wang**

Councillor Wang advised that the 3<sup>rd</sup> China-South Asia Expo and 23<sup>rd</sup> China Kunming Import and Export Fair, co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and the People's Government of Yunnan Province, is scheduled to be held in Kunming on 2015 June 12 – 16.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Calendino was granted leave to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this item of business be **REFFERED** to staff for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Wang advised that members of a delegation from Zhongshan will be attending the Chinese Festival at Swangard Stadium on 2015 August 16. The speaker suggested consideration be given for a ribbon cutting ceremony to take place during the festival that would unveil the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen statue.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Calendino was granted leave to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this matter be **REFERRED** to staff for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **INQUIRIES**

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Lynne Axford  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Paul McDonell  
CHAIR