

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND  
FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2017 January 31

**FROM:** COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

**FILE:** 2410 - 20  
*Reference:* IRFCC

**SUBJECT:** 2017 CITY OF BURNABY CHINA DELEGATION

**PURPOSE:** To seek funding approval for a Council delegation visit to China in 2017.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** City of Burnaby Council representatives outlined in this report be authorized to attend the delegation visit to Burnaby's Sister and Friendship Cities in China from March 7-18, 2017, and that all associated expenses be approved for payment in accordance with City Policy from the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee 2017 operating budget.

**REPORT**

The City of Burnaby maintains Sister and Friendship City relationships that meet the goals and objectives of Burnaby's International Relations and Friendship Cities Program. Meetings and discussions are being planned to highlight Burnaby's strengths in terms of key economic sectors and overall economic development as well as in the fields of education, tourism, and environmental and social sustainability. A detailed itinerary is being prepared to reflect the interests and specializations of the delegation to maximize opportunities for mutual learning and the sharing of best municipal practices. City of Burnaby Council delegates include Mayor Derek Corrigan, Councillors Dan Johnston, Paul McDonell, Pietro Calendino, and James Wang.

City staff and external partners who will accompany the Council delegation include: City Manager Lambert Chu, Director of Planning and Building Lou Pelletier, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Dave Ellenwood, Community Engagement Manager Aaron Fourt and Burnaby Board of Trade, Tourism Burnaby and the Burnaby School District representatives.

  
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