

Meeting 2017 Dec. 13

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE	DATE:	2017 December 13
FROM:	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER	<b>FILE:</b> Reference:	2410 - 20 IRFCC
SUBJECT:	2018 CITY OF BURNABY KOREA DELEGATION		
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To seek approval for a delegation of Council to Korea in 2018.		

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT City of Burnaby Council representatives outlined in this report be authorized to attend the delegation visit to Korea, 2018 February 16-24, and that all associated expenses be approved for payment in accordance with City Policy from the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee 2018 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. Burnaby has an active Sister City relationship with Hwaseong, South Korea and will also visit the cities of Seoul, Pyeongchang, Gangneung, and Wonju during the 2018 visit. Meetings and discussions are being planned to highlight Burnaby's strengths in terms of key economic sectors and overall economic development as well as opportunities to maximize mutual learning and sharing of best municipal practices in the areas of parks, recreation, and culture, security and safety, tourism promotion, education, and municipal planning and infrastructure.

A detailed itinerary is being prepared to reflect the interests and specializations of the delegation members. City of Burnaby Council delegates include Mayor Derek Corrigan and Councillors Dan Johnston and Paul McDonell. City staff who will accompany the Council delegation include: City Manager Lambert Chu, Director Planning and Building Lou Pelletier, Director Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Dave Ellenwood, Director Public Safety and Community Services Dave Critchley, and Community Engagement Manager Aaron Fourt.

Additionally, external delegation representatives are anticipated to include: Burnaby Board of Trade President & CEO Paul Holden, Tourism Burnaby Executive Director Nancy Small, and prominent Burnaby Board of Trade companies that have an interest in developing business relationships in Korea. There will also be a focus on generating sports tourism to Burnaby through the official sport destination promotion agency, Sport Burnaby. Information sharing meetings are scheduled with Gangneung Chamber of Commerce, Wonju Chamber of Commerce, Hwaseong Chamber of To:International Relations and Friendship Cities<br/>CommitteeFrom:Community Engagement Manager

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Commerce and Industry, the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency, the Embassy of Canada in Korea, and relevant companies in each of the cities during the delegation visit.

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