
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND
FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE

DATE: 2018 March 29

FROM: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

FILE: 2410 - 20
Reference: IRFCC

SUBJECT: 2018 PROVINCIAL DELEGATION TO CHINA – COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE

PURPOSE: To seek approval for a Council representative to visit China with the
Premier in 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a City of Burnaby Council representative outlined in this report be authorized to attend the Provincial delegation visit to China, 2018 January 19-26, 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. A Provincial trade mission, led by Premier John Horgan, will visit regions in China where Burnaby has active Sister and Friendship City arrangements.

As part of the trade mission, Councillor James Wang will attend meetings and discussions pertaining to key economic sectors in Burnaby and will visit Burnaby's Sister City of Zhongshan and Friendship City of Dongcheng District, Beijing. Additionally, Ballard Power Systems, a Burnaby based company and member of the Burnaby Board of Trade, has deployed a network of buses in China powered by hydrogen fuel cell technology that will be featured as part of the trade mission.



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