
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS &
FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE

DATE: 2019 March 19

FROM: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR

FILE: 02410-20
Reference: IRFCC

SUBJECT: SISTER CITY PROPOSAL - PADUA, ITALY

PURPOSE: To consider a proposal for a Sister City relationship with Padua, Italy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** a Sister City relationship with Padua, Italy be considered.
2. **THAT** His Worship, Mayor M. Hurley, on behalf of Council, send a letter to Ms. Antonia Ranieri, Gabinetto del Sindaco di Padova, in response to this proposal.

REPORT

The City of Burnaby develops and maintains Sister and Friendship City relationships to meet the goals and objectives of the International Relations & Friendship Cities Program.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee advises and assists Council in exploring opportunities for mutual economic and cultural benefits with other cities across the globe. Correspondence has been received from Ms. Antonia Ranieri, City of Padua, proposing a Sister City relationship with Burnaby; as well as letters of support from local Italian business and cultural groups (attached).

2.0 POLICY

This Sister City proposal aligns with the following goals and sub-goals of the City's Corporate Strategic Plan:

Goal

- A Connected Community
 - Partnership –
Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments

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- An Inclusive Community
 - Celebrate diversity –
Create more opportunities for the community to celebrate diversity
- A Dynamic Community
 - Economic opportunity –
Foster an environment that attracts new and supports existing jobs,
businesses and industries

3.0 BACKGROUND

Burnaby was one of the first communities in Canada to recognize the economic and cultural opportunities of friendships cities and has supported a very active relationship with:

Sister Cities

- [Kushiro, Japan \(1965 September 9\)](#)
- [Mesa, Arizona \(1998 June 22\)](#)
- [Hwaseong, South Korea \(2010 September 28\)](#)
- [Zhongshan City, P.R. China \(2011 September 19\)](#)

Friendship Agreement

- [Dongcheng District \(formerly Chongwen District\) of Beijing, P.R. China \(2009 September 04\)](#)
- [Dongli District of Tianjin \(2009 September 8\)](#)
- [Kunming, Yunnan Province, P.R. China \(2011 May 30\)](#)
- Loughborough, England (1986 May 6)
- Taichung, Taiwan China (2009 May 22)
- Zhongshan City, P.R. China (2009 May 9)

Friendship Memorandum of Understanding

- [Lin-an City of Zhejiang, P.R. China \(2009 April 17\)](#)
- [Guiyang City, Guizhou Province, P.R. China \(2014 April 17\)](#)
- [Yubei District, Chongqing Municipality \(2014 July 23\)](#)

Twinning Agreement

- El Zapotal, El Salvador (1990 September 24)

Community Leaders Partnership Program Partner

- Gatineau, Quebec (1998 June 1)

Hi-Tech Friendly Exchange Agreement

- Dalian, Jinzhou District, P.R. China (2011 May 16)
- Taichung, Taiwan China (2007 June 8)

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4.0 RECOMMENDATION

As an advisory body to Council on the IRFC program, the Committee recommends consideration of a Sister City relationship with Padua, Italy.



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