

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: CITY OF HWASEONG, SOUTH KOREA SISTER CITY DELEGATION  
VISIT TO THE CITY OF BURNABY IN 2020**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, on behalf of Council, send an invitation to the Mayor of Hwaseong, South Korea to visit the City of Burnaby in 2020 in commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the two cities' Sister City relationship.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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.

The International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee, under the new business portion of its meeting held on 2019 October 15, advised that 2020 will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City relationship of Hwaseong and Burnaby. Arising from discussion, the Committee adopted a motion to recommend His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, on behalf of Council, invite the Mayor of Hwaseong to visit Burnaby in the summer of 2020.

**2.0 POLICY SECTION**

This report supports the following goals and sub-goals of the City's *Corporate Strategic Plan*:

- 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 has an active Sister City relationship with Hwaseong, South Korea since 2010. In 2018, the City sent a Council delegation to Hwaseong, along with representatives from organizations, such as the Burnaby Board of Trade and Tourism Burnaby. The visit highlighted Burnaby's key economic sectors and 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.

The Committee will be submitting a separate report to Council early in 2020 seeking expenditure authorization for 2020 expenses. Subject to Council approval of that report, all expenses related to the Hwaseong visit will be funded through the Committee's 2020 operating budget.

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

As an advisory body to Council on the International Relations and Friendship City program, the Committee recommends His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, on behalf of Council, send an invitation to the Mayor of Hwaseong to visit Burnaby in 2020 summer in commemoration of the cities' Sister City relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

Councillor P. Calendino  
Vice Chair

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