



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Council Committee Room, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair
Mayor Mike Hurley, Ex-Officio Member
Councillor Maita Santiago, Member

STAFF: Noreen Kassam, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer
Rajvir Rao, Director Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Partnerships
Elaine Wong, Office Manager, Mayor's Office
Anastassiya Denissenko, Administrative Officer 1
Ruslan Shabazov, Council Support Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair, Councillor Calendino, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee Agenda for September 26, 2024

THAT the agenda for the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee meeting of September 26, 2024, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 **Minutes of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee
Open meeting held on July 23, 2024**

THAT the minutes of the International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee meeting held on July 23, 2024, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **DELEGATIONS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No delegation or presentation requests were received.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

6.1 **DRAFT SISTER AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES POLICY**

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer submitted a report seeking approval of the proposed draft of the Sister and Friendship Cities Policy.

Arising from discussion, the Committee suggested minor amendments to the draft policy.

THAT the proposed Sister and Friendship Cities Policy, attached to the report titled "Draft Sister and Friendship Cities Policy" dated September 26, 2024, be approved, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

No information reports were received.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 **Shuangliu District Government - Re: Friendship City Partnership**

THAT the items 8.1 and 8.2 be deferred to a future International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 City of Kushiro - Re: Plans for 60 Anniversary Commemoration Project

The Committee agreed to reply to the City of Kushiro to acknowledge the receipt of their letter and decided to defer the discussion to a future meeting (see resolution for the item 8.1).

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the Committee at this time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, and without objection, the Open Committee meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR

Anastassiya Denissenko
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER