



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER
**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

June 25, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
Committee Room 2
City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright	- Chair (departed at 9:55 a.m.)
Councillor Lorrie Williams	- Member of City Council
Councillor Betty McIntosh	- Member of City Council
Jan Gibson	- Acting Director of Legislative Services
Blair Fryer	- Manager of Communication and Economic Development

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Member of City Council
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STAFF PRESENT:

Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk
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The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the on table items be received.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 9, 2013

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Task Force meeting held on April 9, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Financial Arrangements for Female Chinese Students

Mayor Wayne Wright spoke to the financial arrangements for female Chinese students that will be visiting New Westminster, suggesting that funds in the Sister City Protocol fund be utilized for the visiting students.

Councillor Lorrie Williams advised that host families for the students would be offered a \$1600 tax deductible receipt, and it was suggested that families could donate money received from the City for additional tax incentives.

It was suggested that the miscellaneous costs for the students' include a keepsake item from Cartwright Jewellers, similar to the pendant that is received by the May Queen Suite. Councillor McIntosh advised that she will arrange the pendants for the students.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Task Force approve a budget of up to \$4000 for the female students visiting New Westminster from China.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

5.2 Xinzhou City Request for Sister City Status

Mayor Wayne Wright advised that New Westminster will not be accepting new sister cities for the time being.

5.3 Invitation to Visit Quezon City during their Diamond Jubilee – October 2014

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, reviewed his March 2014 visit to Quezon City, adding that the City is currently working on their Diamond Jubilee celebration.

It was suggested that New Westminster could send medical supplies and children's books to Quezon City, and that Philippines Air could be contacted for assistance with respect to transporting the containers.

5.4 Teachers from Lijiang

Councillor Williams advised that she has discussed a program that would allow teachers from Lijiang to job shadow local teachers with Phil Cookson, Principal, New Westminster Secondary School, adding that the program would be conducted at no cost to the City.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Task Force support the program in principle.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

There were no items.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Delegation Request from Dongcheng District (circulated for information)

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, advised that he will draft a formal letter indicating Council's unavailability to attend the 4th Beijing Wangjujing International Brand Festival.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be determined.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 10:08 a.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Lorrie Williams
Acting Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk