

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**September 16, 2015, 11:00 a.m.
Committee Room 2
City Hall**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Lorrie Williams	- Co-Chair
Blair Fryer	- Manager of Communications and Economic Development
Jan Gibson	- City Clerk

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Co-Chair
Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF PRESENT:

Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk
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The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Item 6.4 Update on Chinese Students and Item 6.5 Yunnan Delegation

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from July 15, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Task Force meeting held on July 15, 2015 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

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Delegation Request from Cheonan, Korea

Jan Gibson, City Clerk, advised that she would request Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, to provide a presentation regarding the City's Official Community Plan on October 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2.

6.2 March 2016 Moriguchi Student Delegation Request

Discussion ensued, and the Task Force advised that the City has not organized student exchanges in the past. Kathy Shannon, a New Westminster Japanese teacher, confirmed via telephone that she had organized past student exchanges. The Task Force suggested that a letter be sent to the Moriguchi Foundation of International Exchange indicating that the City organizes political delegations. If a student delegation is organized through the School District, Council could provide an activity for the students, such as a tour of City Hall.

6.3 2016 Delegation to or from Quezon City

The Task Force suggested that Council could consider sending a delegation to Quezon City in 2016 in celebration of the Silver (25th) Anniversary of Sister City relations. The Task Force requested information regarding the specific date that the Sister City relationship was established. Councillor Lorrie Williams, Chair, advised that she would raise the issue at a Council meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a delegation be sent to Quezon City in 2016 to celebrate the Silver (25th) Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Quezon City and New Westminster, with the date and size of the delegation to be determined by Council.

CARRIED.

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

6.4 Lijiang Student Update

Councillor Lorrie Williams, Chair, advised that she has organized after school swimming lessons for the girls, and that a trip has been booked to Lake Louise. The girls will address Council at the October 26 Regular meeting.

Discussion ensued, and the Task Force suggested that an afternoon trip to the Peace Arch Provincial Park, located at the Peach Arch Border Crossing, could be organized.

6.5 Yunnan Official Delegation

Discussion ensued, and the Task Force suggested that the City could receive the Dehong Prefecture delegation, as our Sister City Lijiang is located in the same province of Yunnan, China. Jan Gibson, City Clerk, will advise the delegation and request additional information regarding the dates and length of their stay.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Correspondence dated July 22, 2015 to Kathy Shannon regarding Moriguchi Student Delegation

7.2 Correspondence dated July 22, 2015 to Juba City Council regarding Sister City Status Request

7.3 Correspondence dated August 4, 2015 to Mayor Katsuki Nishibata regarding Moriguchi Mayoral Election

7.4 Correspondence dated August 6, 2016 to Moriguchi Mascot Design Contest Participants

These items were circulated for information.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be determined

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 12:14 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Lorrie Williams
Co-Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk