

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 3, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
City Clerk's Office
City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
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STAFF PRESENT:

Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk
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The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from January 6, 2016

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the January 6, 2016 International Relations Task Force meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee 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 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

6.1 Invitation to Attend the 2016 Wangfujing Brand Festival

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, advised that the Wangfujing Brand Festival is an annual market trade show for wares that produced in Wangfujing.

The Task Force directed staff to draft a regret letter for the Mayor's signature, and for signed copies of the regret letter to be placed in Council drawers for information.

6.2 Delegation Request from the Sun Yat-Sen Overseas Fund Association (Guangzhou, China)

Jan Gibson, City Clerk, summarized the attached correspondence regarding a delegation request from Gerry Guo Anguo, Representative of the Sun Yat-Sen Overseas Fund Association.

Discussion ensued, and the Task Force expressed interest in receiving the delegation, as well as attending the celebration event in Vancouver, if possible. The Task Force requested additional information regarding Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's visit to New Westminster in 1911. The Task Force suggested that the site of the former Chinese Benevolent Society building, located on Agnes Street, could be developed as a Chinese garden and incorporated into the celebration of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's visit.

The Task Force directed Jan Gibson, City Clerk, to advise Mr. Anguo that the City is interested in participating in the celebratory activities. The Task Force also requested that Ms. Gibson contact the City Clerk in Vancouver for additional information regarding their plans for the delegation.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Councillor Delegation to Lijiang – April 2016

Jan Gibson, City Clerk, requested that Councillor Lorrie Williams, Co-Chair, contact Lijiang staff to advise them that an official delegation would be arriving in Lijiang in April 2016.

Councillor Williams advised that Lijiang staff would address hotel reservations for herself and Councillor Puchmayr. Councillor Williams requested staff to arrange for

gifts to bring, which could include ice wine, maple syrup and DARE brand maple crème cookies. Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, Co-Chair, advised that he could purchase authentic maple syrup in Ontario.

7.2 International Relations Policy Review

A. City of Richmond Sister City Terms of Reference

B. City of Burnaby Draft International Relations and Sister City Terms of Reference

C. City of New Westminster Draft Sister/Friendship Policies and Procedures

The Task Force advised that the Terms of Reference/Sister City Policy of the City of Burnaby is concise, yet allows room for interpretation.

Councillor Lorrie Williams, Co-Chair, requested the Task Force to review and make notes regarding Burnaby's Terms of Reference for the next meeting.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be determined

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 5:48 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Lorrie Williams
Co-Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk