

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**March 1, 2017 10:00 a.m.
Committee Room 2
City Hall**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Lorrie Williams - Chair
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr - Council Member Representative
Blair Fryer - Manager of Communications and Economic
Development

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Lisa Spitale - Chief Administrative Officer
Jan Gibson - City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT:

Lauren Blake - Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Item 7.1: Invitation to Yunfu International Stone Fair was added to the agenda.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from January 5, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 5, 2017 International Relations Task Force minutes 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

4.1 Update on a Potential Sister City relationship with the Tšilhqot'in First Nation

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, Council representative, advised that Chief Joe Alphonse was re-elected as the Tribal Chairman for the Tšilhqot'in First Nation. Councillor Puchmayr is scheduled to attend Chief Alphonse's swearing in ceremony on March 4, 2017 in Williams Lake, BC., and will hand deliver a letter outlining the City's intent to enter into a Sister City relationship with the Tšilhqot'in First Nation.

5.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

5.1 Invitation to Sister Cities for Canada 150 Celebration

The Task Force clarified that a general invitation was to be sent to the City's Sister Cities, inviting them to participate in New Westminster's Canada 150 Celebration.

5.2 Moriguchi 2017 Delegation Update

There was no update.

5.3 Dutch Remembrance Day Celebration

Councillor Lorrie Williams, Chair, advised that she had met with representatives from the Dutch consulate at the Anvil Centre on February 28, 2017. The Dutch consulate will be renting the Anvil Centre for a reception on May 4, 2017 in honor of Dutch Commemoration Day.

The Task Force requested that the morning of May 4 be reserved in the Council event calendar, and that the local Member of Parliament, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Chief Larrabee, the Royal Westminster Regiment and Leona Green be invited to the celebration.

5.4 ‘Pride of the Philippines’ Event Update

Lauren Blake, Committee Clerk, advised that the organizer of the “Pride of the Philippines” event, Victor Villamera, had requested through the Mayor’s office that the City co-sponsor the event. Mr. Villamera was directed to Michelle Dean, Special Events Coordinator, for assistance with his event.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

6.1 Invitation to International Sistership Pavilion of 2017 South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair

The Task Force recommended that the invitation to the 2017 South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair be referred to Council. Any Councillor interested in attending the event can pay for their airfare to Lijiang, China.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Invitation to Yunfu International Stone Fair

The Task Force discussed the on-table email dated March 1, 2017, inviting a New Westminster delegation to attend the Yunfu International Stone Fair from October 18 to 21, 2017.

The Task Force recommended that the invitation be referred to Council. Staff was directed to send an acknowledgement email to Yunfu.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be determined

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 10:45 a.m.

Certified Correct,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Councillor Lorrie Williams
Chair

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk