



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TASK FORCE

October 23, 2017 1:30 p.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
- Jacque Killawee - Acting City Clerk

MEMBERS REGRETS:

- Lisa Spitale - Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF PRESENT:

- Philip Lo - Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of the International Relations Task Force immediately following the Regular Meeting of the International Relations Task Force on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(k) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter:

90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
and

90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED

2. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the International Relations Task Force Meeting in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR IRTF

3. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the International Relations Task Force be reconvened.

CARRIED.

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

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No items.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 **Minutes from March 1, 2017**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 1, 2017 International Relations Task Force minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

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 he will be attending an event on October 25, 2017 marking the execution of the five Tšilhqot'in Nation Chiefs 153 years ago.

Cllr. Puchmayr advised that Chief Alphonse of the Tšilhqot'in First Nation was not opposed to the Judge Begbie statue remaining at its current location; however, an event commemorating the execution of the Chiefs should be held at the site. It

was noted that the other Chiefs of the T̓silhqot̓in First Nation were not in agreement with the statue remaining at its current location.

Discussion ensued, with the Task Force suggesting that community interest could be gauged in fundraising for another statue on the site to provide the proper historical context, or from a First Nations perspective.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the issue of the Judge Begbie Statue be referred to the City's Reconciliation Committee.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the International Relations Task Force recommend that Council appoint one Council representative to sit on the Reconciliation Committee

CARRIED.

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

4.2 Update re Yunfu International Stone Festival

Councillor Lorrie Williams, Chair, advised that the Mayor received an invitation to the Yunfu International Stone Festival.

Jacque Killawee, Acting City Clerk, noted that the festival has passed.

5.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

5.1 Lijiang Students Update

Councillor Williams, Chair, reported that some of the Lijiang students had moved to a new host family, and requested an additional \$200 towards the new host family.

Cllr. Williams advised that the students will depart on November 1, after presenting to School District No. 40 and the Rotary Club.

Procedural note: Councillor Puchmayr exited the meeting at 2:05pm.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

6.1 Response letter from Moriguchi, Japan re Canada 150 Celebration

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the letter be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

6.2 Response letter from Quezon City, Philippines re Canada 150 Celebration

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the letter be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

6.3 Friendship City Requests – Policy Discussion

The Task Force suggested that Council could consider a formal policy regarding Sister Cities, and also expressed uncertainty about the roles and responsibilities of Friendship Cities.

The Task Force suggested that the City should respond by thanking the requesting city, but decline the invitation.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Calendar for Moriguchi, Japan

Jacque Killawee, Acting City Clerk, suggested that a calendar of B.C. be sent to the Sister City of Moriguchi, Japan.

7.2 New Westminister's Inclusion in "Partners: Sister Cities of Quezon City"

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the book "Partners: Sister Cities of Quezon City" be received, and that a letter of acknowledgement and thanks be sent to the Quezon City for New Westminister's inclusion in the book.

CARRIED.

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

7.3 New Westminister School District's International Education Program

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the International Relations Task Force recommend that a letter of congratulations from the Mayor be sent to the International Education Program, School District 40, and the School Principals on the success of the International Education Program.

CARRIED.

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

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be determined

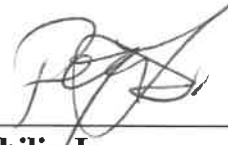
9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 2:19 p.m.

Certified Correct,



Councillor Lorrie Williams
Chair



Philip Lo
Council and Committee Clerk