



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TASK FORCE

June 11, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
City Clerk's Office, 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	- City Clerk

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
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STAFF PRESENT:

Rob McCullough	- Manager, Museums & Heritage Services
Heather Corbett	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT item 5.1 be tabled to the next meeting; and,
THAT the June 11, 2018 agenda be adopted, as amended.*

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from March 5, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 5, 2018 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 re status of Sister City relationship with the Tšilhqot'in First Nation

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr updated the committee on the state of the potential Sister City relationship with the Tšilhqot'in First Nation, noting the following:

- The relationship is going to go forward, as Chief Alphonse has agreed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), likely as a Sister City relationship; and,
- The potential relationship has been received with positivity and will be a unique relationship.

In response to a question from the Committee, Councillor Puchmayr noted that Chief Alphonse represents the entire Tšilhqot'in First Nation, however the Tl'etinqox nation has the largest representation.

The task force discussed the following actions:

- Council and other representatives from the City could travel to the region to sign the MOU with the Band Council;
- Other representatives could include Chief Rhonda Larrabee, Chiefs of Fire and Police, and the City Clerk;
- Possible timing of November 2018 could be appropriate, at which point a new Council would be in place.

MOVED and SECONDED

Whereas Chief Joe Alphonse, Tribal Chairman of the Tl'etinqox Government, has indicated interest in a relationship with the City of New Westminster;

And whereas Council approves the relationship and acceptance of a Memorandum of Understanding;

Therefore be it resolved that a delegation from Council and representatives from the City of New Westminster travel to the Tšilhqot'in First Nation for a signing ceremony; and,

That funding of the trip to the Tšilhqot'in First Nation be approved by Council.

CARRIED.

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

4.2 Update re July 2018 event memorializing Chiefs of Tšilhqot'in Nation

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr updated the committee that Chief Alphonse would be in Alaska during the proposed time for the event. Due to the Chief's unavailability, the Committee decided to defer the event for 2018.

5.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

5.1 Future of Lijiang, China Student Visit

Councillor Lorrie Williams briefly discussed the future of the program and presented a checklist that could be used in future planning. The committee referred the discussion to the next meeting when the Mayor can be in attendance.

Councillor Williams also described the positive experience this year of obtaining the students' visas, which was facilitated by Rachael Bedlington, the Consul General in China.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

6.1 Correspondence received from the Consulate General of Japan

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence items be received.

CARRIED.

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

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Police Cars

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr reported that Police Chief Dave Jones had identified two cars to offer two First Nations. The cars will require some body work and then a representative would come down to receive them. This will require coordination of the Mayor and a Councillor for the handover and to complete the legal transfers, but should be complete by the end of June.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be determined by the Mayor's availability in July.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 11:22 a.m.

Certified Correct,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Councillor Lorrie Williams
Chair

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Heather Corbett
Committee Clerk