



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TASK FORCE

January 28, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr	- Chair
Councillor Chinu Das	- Council Member Representative
Jacque Killawee	- City Clerk
Blair Fryer	- Manager of Communications and Economic Development

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
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STAFF PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 28, 2019 agenda be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There were no items.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Future of Lijiang, China Student Visit

Councillor Puchmayr discussed the status of the Lijiang, China student program, noting the following:

- It would be important to continue the relationship with Lijiang; however, due to the current political climate, it may not be advisable to travel to China to complete the selection of the students in person; and,
- It may be advisable to write a letter to the Lijiang contacts to enlist their help in completing the student selections, with a reminder of the terms of reference for the process.

The Task Force members noted that it could be possible for City representatives to participate in the selection process of the Lijiang students through the use of Skype, or other video communication means;

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the International Relations Task Force recommend that Council approve the continuation of the Lijiang Student Program, with a remote selection process.

CARRIED.

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

4.2 Status of Sister City relationship with the Tšilhqot'in Nation

Councillor Puchmayr updated the Task Force on a recent meeting that he and the Mayor attended between the School District and four chiefs from the Tšilhqot'in Nation on the subject of the re-naming of the high school, however the potential Sister City relationship was not discussed further.

4.3 July 2019 Event Memorializing Chiefs of Tšilhqot'in Nation

The Task Force discussed the July event and the logistics required to execute it, noting that the current Chiefs are very positive about the event going ahead.

The Task Force members made the following comments:

- A budget for the event would likely cover 10 hotel rooms for two nights;
- The event would include speeches at the high school and courthouse;
- The truth and reconciliation contractor may be well-placed to be tasked with making the connections to gather a large community of First Nations to the event; and,
- Invitation and notifications should be sent early to gauge attendance.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City Clerk and Manager of Museum and Heritage Services prepare a budget for the July memorialization event.

CARRIED.

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

5.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

There were no items.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence received from Masayoshi Nakamichi, Community Enhancement Division, Moriguchi City Hall regarding:

- Student Exchange Program between City of New Westminster and Moriguchi City

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, summarized the letter received from Moriguchi, Japan, noting their expression of interest to revive the student exchange program, which had last occurred in 2014. Ms. Killawee noted that this request would need to be forwarded to the School District.

Councillor Puchmayr noted that a resident had recently informed the City that they were going to Moriguchi to teach for a year and they were sent with City materials and greetings for Moriguchi Council.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Revision of Terms of Reference

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, noted that Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services had been invited to recent Task Force meetings due to his involvement in truth and reconciliation activities in the City.

It was agreed that the Task Force terms of reference return for review at the next meeting with the following revisions:

- Include the Manager of Museums & Heritage Services as a member; and,
- Task Force to be Co-Chaired by the two Councillors who are members.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be determined.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Certified Correct,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Chair

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Heather Corbett
Committee Clerk