



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TASK FORCE

Monday, May 6, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
City Clerk's Office, 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 3:41 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the May 6, 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

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of July 9, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

2.2 Adoption of Minutes of January 28, 2019

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Update on Lijiang, China Student Visit

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

- Lorrie Williams recently emailed the contact in China and suggested the process of conducting the interview process remotely; and,
- The program is currently awaiting clarification on whether the school in China would like to participate this year.

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

Councillor Puchmayr reported on a meeting held recently with the six Chiefs of the Tšilhqot'in Nation, noting that the Judge Begbie statue had been discussed.

The Committee noted that discussion with the Tšilhqot'in on the subject of the statue should continue, as well as wider consultation with the community.

4.3 July 18, 2019 Event Memorializing the Chiefs of Tšilhqot'in Nation

The Committee discussed the logistics, agenda and budget of the July 18, 2019 event to commemorate the Chief of the Tšilhqot'in Nation, noting that there was much interest in the event.

Committee members noted that protocol between the City and the Tšilhqot'in, in regards to invitations and other First Nations, would need to be considered.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the International Relations Task Force recommend that Council approve a budget of \$6000 for the event Memorializing the Chiefs of Tšilhqot'in Nation.

CARRIED.

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

4.5 Revision of IRTF Terms of Reference

The Committee discussed the International Relations Task Force Terms of Reference, noting that further discussion was needed in terms of the future of the Task Force and the programs with the Sister Cities, as well as the benefits to the wider community.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the International Relations Task Force refer the Terms of Reference to Council and recommend that the future of the Task Force be discussed in open in workshop format.

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 FOR ACTION

6.1 Invitation received from Huang Lijian, Director, Yunfu Foreign Affairs Bureau re Delegation to Yunfu International Stone Material & Technology Fair

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Yunfu be received and regrets sent in regards to the Stone Fair.

CARRIED.

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

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Budget for Relationship Building with Tšilhqot'in Nation

The Committee discussed the budget required to travel to visit with the Tšilhqot'in Nation, noting that the costs are approximately \$1000 for one person's travel.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the International Relations Task Force recommend that Council approve a budget of \$6000 for Relationship Building with the Tšilhqot'in Nation.

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 adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Chair

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Heather Corbett
Committee Clerk