



## CITY OF RICHMOND

### REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Councillor Lyn Greenhill  
**RE:** **Sister Cities' Visit, Opening of New City Hall**

**DATE:** April 26, 2000  
**FILE:** -

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#### SISTER CITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the program and budget for the Sister Cities' visit May 18 to 21, 2000 at a budgeted cost of \$9,000.00 and that the source of funds be the Council Contingency Account.

Councillor Lyn Greenhill

SISTER CITY REPORT

ORIGIN

The Mayor and Council sent invitations to our sister cities of Wakayama, Japan and Pierrefonds, Quebec to join us in the celebration of opening our new City Hall on May 20, 2000. A group of 51 people from Wakayama, including the Mayor, City Council members and members of the Sister City Committee will be arriving in Richmond on May 18, 2000. As well, the Mayor and a Council member, along with their spouses, from Pierrefonds will be joining us at the same time. It is very exciting for our Sister City Committee members to welcome Pierrefonds to Richmond for the first visit in a long time.

PROGRAM

The program for the visitors will be as follows:

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| Thursday, May 18, 2000 | At various times, meet and transport visitors from the airport to their hotel.   |
| Friday, May 19, 2000   | Each group will have a tour of the new City Hall, meet with Mayor Halsey-Brandt, dedicate small gardens at City Hall, go for lunch and have a tour of the Gulf of Georgia cannery. Pierrefonds will drop in at T. Homma Elementary school to visit a French Immersion class, Wakayama will present a traditional tea ceremony for 100 people at City Hall, and the day will end with an official dinner and entertainment. |
| Saturday, May 20, 2000 | Each group will be present at the official opening, and will participate in the various celebrations available. In the evening, a group of Steveston-based organizations will host a dinner.   |
| Sunday, May 21, 2000   | At various times, the groups will be transported from their hotel to the airport to leave Richmond.  |

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The budget is as follows:

Transportation	\$ 500.00
Friday Lunch	1,200.00
Official Dinner	5,400.00
Translator	200.00
Gifts	800.00
Miscellaneous	900.00
(tour expense, gratuities, contingency)	900.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00

It is important to note that the Committee is working towards lowering these costs and believe that the actuals will be less than noted above.

CONCLUSION

The Sister City Committee will be hosting about 55 people during the official opening of the new City Hall. In order to make plans for these visitors, Council is asked to endorse the schedule and arrange for the costs to come from the Council Contingency Account.

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

Councillor Lyn Greenhill

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