## **General Purposes Committee**

# Anderson Room, City Hall 6911 No. 3 Road Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 4:00 p.m.

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### **MINUTES**

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, October 1, 2007.

## PRESENTATION / DELEGATION

2. Larry Berg, President, Peter Dhillon, Director, and Anne Murray, Vice President, Community & Environmental Affairs, Vancouver International Airport Authority, to provide an update on airport issues and developments.

#### DELEGATIONS

- 3. (1) Doug Louth, regarding the decision of YVR to allow delegations to the Aeronautical Noise Management Committee, effective December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007; and how the delegations to the committee would be structured.
  - (2) Neil Filipek, regarding the decision of YVR to allow delegations to the Aeronautical Noise Management Committee, effective December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007; and how the delegations to the committee would be structured.

outlined in the attached staff report dated November 2, 2007 prepared by the Senior Manager, Policy Development and Corporate Programs.

- (2) That based on these renewed Program objectives and new policies and procedures, that Council approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Sister City Committee outlined in the attached staff report dated November 2, 2007.
- (3) That Council approve a new Sister City Committee annual operating fund of \$10,000 starting in 2008 and a Sister City Program three-year fund of up to \$150,000 for 2008-2010 as outlined in the attached staff report, conditional on approval of additional levels funding in the 2008 operating budget.
- (4) That staff be directed to conduct a facilitated Planning and Budgeting Workshop with the Sister City Committee to develop three-year Activity Plans for each Sister City relationship and an accompanying budget showing allocations of Program funding.
- (5) That three-year Activity Plans be presented to Council for final approval by the end of the first quarter of 2008 and thereafter in accordance with the new Program policies and procedures and updated Sister City Committee Terms of Reference.

# 6. SISTER CITY PROGRAM REPORT 2: EXPANSION - CHINA (Report: November 2, 2007, File No.: 01-0370-01) (REDMS No.2297982)

Designated Speaker: Alison McNeil

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That the attached Sister Committee report dated September 2007 on the June 2007 visit to Pierrefonds, Quebec and the July 2007 visit to China be received for information.
- (2) That the City of Richmond pursue a full twinning relationship with one city in China as described in the attached report and that the Sister City Committee provide Council with advice on their preferred choice from among the four cities visited in July 2007 based on their expertise and criteria previously approved by Council.
- (3) That once a city in China has been selected through the above process, an invitation be sent to the proposed twin city and if a positive response is received, a formal agreement (accompanied by a three year Activity Plan) be developed between the two cities with an initial term of five (5) years and an option for mutually agreeable renewals thereafter, as specified in the new program policies and procedures.

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- (4) That the City of Richmond also pursue a special 'Olympic Twin' relationship with the City of Qingdao, China as described in the attached report and that an agreement and two year Activity Plan be developed with the agreement expiring at the end of the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2010.
- (5) That the previously approved second trip to China occur following development of the above stated agreement for the purpose of signing the formal agreement, confirming the three-year Activity Plan and generally advancing the relationship

**ADJOURNMENT**