



To: General Purposes Committee

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Re: 2016 Japan National Sail Training Institute Visit and 2017 Canada 150
Planning

Recommendation

That the report “2016 Japan National Sail Training Institute Visit and 2017 Canada 150 Planning,” from Councillor Bill McNulty be approved for implementation.

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Origin

At the November 9, 2015, Council meeting as part of the report 2017 Canada 150th Steveston Ships to Shore Events the following recommendation was approved by Council:

1. That the proposed 2017 Tall Ship and Ships to Shore celebrations as detailed in the staff report titled "2017 Canada 150th Steveston Ships to Shore Events," from the Senior Manager, Parks, dated October 8, 2015, be endorsed for the purposes of event planning and budget preparation;
2. That \$895,000 be transferred from the Council Community Initiatives Fund in 2016 to support the event delivery for the 2017 Canada 150th Steveston Ships to Shore Events and that the 2017 Canada 150th Steveston Ship to Shore Events be considered in the 2016 budget process; and
3. That Staff make the necessary arrangements for meeting with the National Sail Training Institute in Japan in April 2016 to finalize negotiations as part of the 2017 Tall Ships recruitment process.

The purpose of this report is in response to the above approved Council resolutions and to seek approval for travel to Japan in 2016 for one councilor, staff support and an interpreter to continue and finalize ship recruitment and celebration planning for Canada 150 Celebrations in May 2017.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #2 A Vibrant, Active and Connected City:

Continue the development and implementation of an excellent and accessible system of programs, services, and public spaces that reflect Richmond's demographics, rich heritage, diverse needs, and unique opportunities, and that facilitate active, caring, and connected communities.

2.3. Outstanding places, programs and services that support active living, wellness and a sense of belonging.

2.4. Vibrant arts, culture and heritage opportunities.

Analysis

The 2017 arrival of the Kaiwo Maru is fitting to celebrate Richmond's connection to the Pacific Rim and Japan. In addition to 2017 being Canada's 150th anniversary, it is also the 140th anniversary of the arrival of Mr. Manzo Nagano, the first Japanese settler to BC who transited up the Fraser River (Mount Nagano is named after him on the Central Coast of BC), and the 130th anniversary of Mr. Gihei Kuno (Kuno Gardens at Garry Point Park) from Wakayama prefecture, near Richmond's sister City.

2016 Liaison with Japanese National Sail Training Institute

Since April 2015, staff have been in contact with the Japanese National Sail Training Institute (NIST) and the City has now received a positive formal response indicating that the necessary preparations have begun for sending the tall ship Kaiwo Maru to Richmond in the first or second week of May 2017. Planning with NIST will continue in 2015 to 2016. Detailed discussions are proposed to occur at the NIST federal naval offices to ensure the required coordination for a successful arrival of the vessel 12 months prior to the planned arrival in 2017. Approximately 200 crew and officers will be visiting Richmond on the vessel and planning for the arrival is essential to ensure a safe and successful celebration for all.

In addition, an invitation has been received from a City Councilor in Nagasaki, Japan inviting representatives to visit the 2016 Nagasaki Tall Ship festival where vessels from Japan (including the Kaiwo Maru), Russia and other countries will be present and discussions and ship recruitment will occur. Nagasaki is also the home city of Manzo Nagano.

Proposed 2016 Japan Ship to Shore Recruitment Program

The proposed 2016 Japan Ships to Shore recruitment program includes following key objectives:

- Continued relationship development with the Japanese Sail Training Institute;
- Specific and detailed negotiations, detailed planning and logistics for the Canada 150 celebrations in May 2017;
- Relationship development with other Pacific Rim tall ship ports (Japan, Russia and Korea) through attendance and meetings at a Tall Ship festival;
- A best practice visit and attendance at the Nagasaki Tall Ship festival to meet with the City event organizers and captain's on board the vessels;
- A courtesy visit to Wakayama Richmond's sister City; and
- Research for 2017 event planning.

Proposed 2016 Program Itinerary and Costing:

Key to the timing of this opportunity is the upcoming Nagasaki Tall Ship festival where many international vessels will be in attendance from April 21 to 25, 2016.

Date	Itinerary
April 17	Depart YVR
April 18	Arrive in Tokyo next day.
April 19	Travel to Yokohama – Naval Sail Training Institute/Maritime Museum visit.
April 20	Yokohama/Tokyo
April 21	Travel to Wakayama – courtesy visit to Mayor and Council and Sister City.
April 22	Travel Day to Nagasaki by train, evening arrival.

	Nagasaki Tall Ship Festival – Meet City staff and visit on Kaiwo Maru present letters of invitation/introduction to vessels in attendance: Korea, Russia, Japan.
April 23	Nagasaki Tall Ship Festival Meeting on Kaiwo Maru with NIST officers.
April 24	Nagasaki Tall Ship Festival Meeting with City of Nagasaki and participation festival.
April 25	Nagasaki – area and closing event or travel day to be confirmed.
April 26	Tokyo – Transit Day.
April 27	Train to airport/flight to Tokyo/YVR
April 28	Arrive YVR

Financial Impact

The proposed travel expenses for the April 2016 Japan visit are \$30,000. This includes airfare, accommodation, rail passes, transit, meals, car rental, and insurance costs for the delegation. Existing approved funding for 2017 Ships to Shore recruitment is \$19,450 and as part of the 2016 Council approved 2017 Ships to Shore Canada Day program the remainder of the funding is included within the 2017 Ship recruitment budget. Donations will be solicited for financial support including rail pass sponsorship for the delegation.

Conclusion

This report details a proposed 2016 program for on-going relationship development for 2017 ship recruitment and best practises in Japan for April 2016.

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