



General Purposes Committee

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2013

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, June 17, 2013 and the minutes of the special meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, June 24, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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LAW & COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. **SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – THREE YEAR (2014 - 2016)
ACTIVITY PLAN**

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3880385)

Amarjeet Rattan, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Protocol Unit, was available to answer questions.

A discussion took place about various aspects of the proposed three year activity plan, and in particular on:

- the Committee's need for further details related to the proposed activities with Pierrefonds prior to approving the Activity Plan;
- the rationale for proposing an Official City Delegation visit to Qingdao to commemorate the eighth Anniversary of the Friendship City relationship rather than a key anniversary;
- the desire to increase and place emphasis on community related and school exchange activities between the various sister cities;
- writing a letter to the Mayor of Pierrefonds seeking further information about Pierrefonds' expectations and desires in proceeding with the sister city relationship.

It was moved and seconded

That the Sister City Advisory Committee Three Year Activity Plan (2014-2016) be referred back to staff for clarification and further information on:

- (1) *the timing of any exchanges to Xiamen and Quindao;*
- (2) *the details and objectives related to the proposed initiatives;*
- (3) *our aspirations for the City of Richmond's attendance at the Mayor's forum at the China International Fair for Investment & Trade (CIFIT);*
- (4) *Pierrefonds' vision with regard to the future of the Sister City relationship; and*
- (5) *opportunities for educational and cultural exchanges with China as opposed to business and economic development activities;*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion took place about how activities related to exploring and establishing any new sister city prospects would only take place upon Council's initiation and desire to expand the program further.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:27 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Shanan Sarbjit Dhaliwal
Executive Assistant
City Clerk's Office