



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council

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From: Bill McNulty
Councillor

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Re: 2015 Japan Best Practices and Ship Recruitment

Recommendation

That an amount of up to \$12,000 be approved for 2015 Japan Best Practices and Ship Recruitment for major events from the Council Contingency account.

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Bill McNulty
Councillor
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Origin:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support for a proposed 2015 best practise and international tall ship recruitment Japan program for 2015. A key part of the proposed 2015 program will include the continued relationship development with the Japanese Sail Training Institute to seek their support for sending a tall ship to Richmond in 2017 in celebrations of Canada 150th celebrations.

Analysis:

The proposed 2015 program has the following key objectives:

- Continued relationship development with the Japanese Sail Training Institute regarding future tall ship recruitment- specific delivery of invitation for Canada 150 celebrations in 2017.
- Potential 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.
- Research for the proposed installation of a Suikinkutsu at the Steveston Town Square Park in commemoration of the first Japanese settlers from Mio, Wakayama Japan and Gihei Kuno. This project is coordinated with the Steveston Historical Society. A visit to Mio and Wakayama prefecture to secure components of the Suikinkutsu.
- Research on retail waterfront centres.

Proposed 2015 Program Itinerary and costing:

Preferential pricing for flights to and from Japan have been negotiated in the past and would be sought after again subject to approval. The Japan Travel Bureau has indicated support and will be approached for Rail Pass donations again if approved.

Anticipated costs include airfare, accommodation, translation, gifting, and transportation.

Key to the timing of this opportunity is the upcoming Nagasaki Tall Ship festival where many international vessels will be in attendance from April 25 to 29th. Due to national holidays occurring at the end of April, we have been encouraged to confirm flight and hotel arrangements as soon as possible.

Date	Itinerary
April 20	Depart YVR to Tokyo Arrive into Narita
April 21	Site visits to Suikinkutsu Garden installations and Museum/Research.
April 22	Travel to Yokohama – Naval Sail Training Institute/Maritime Museum visit. Deliver formal invitation for 2017 Richmond event
April 23	Travel to Sendai by Train, leave by van for Onagawa City, arrive at Onagawa
April 24	Onagawa/Tour and Waterfront renewal – follow-up Tsunami relief.
April 25	Train from Sendai to Kyoto – Travel day/Suikinkutsu research. Overnight Kyoto.
April 26	Depart Kyoto - Travel Day- to Wakayama City: - Suikinkutsu research and selection - Wakayama – Mayor courtesy visit

April 27	Wakayama – Mio Mura visit and selection of Suikinuitsu
April 28	Nagasaki – Travel day train — Arrive Nagasaki
April 29	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 30	Train to airport/flight to Tokyo/YVR
May 1	Arrive YVR