



To: General Purposes Committee
From: Bill McNulty
Councillor
Re: **Proposed Trip to Pierrefonds – Late May 2016**
Date: March 2, 2016
File:

Background and Purpose

The City of Richmond has had a Sister City relationship with Pierrefonds since 1967. In 2002, the City of Pierrefonds was merged into Montreal and now is considered a borough of Montreal named Pierrefonds-Roxboro.

The last significant activity with Pierrefonds was a visit by two City Councillors to Richmond during the Vancouver 2010 Olympics and a subsequent visit by Mayor Worth on July 1, 2010. The City of Richmond also received, to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Sister City Relationship with Pierrefonds, a painting from the Mayor of Pierrefonds. Since then, there has been very little interaction.

The purpose of this trip is to visit Mayor Beis of Pierrefonds to discuss whether this Sister City Relationship is still viable and relevant and consider future Sister City activities between the 2 cities.

Delegation and Itinerary

Delegation would consist of five (5) people:

- 1 City of Richmond Staff
- Vice Chair of Pierrefonds Subcommittee
- 3 Members of Pierrefonds Subcommittee

Proposed date would be in late May 2016. Itinerary would be as follows:

Day 1

- Fly to Montreal
- Arrive in the late afternoon
- Have a casual dinner with representatives from Pierrefonds

Day 2

- (Morning) Spend touring various monuments in Pierrefonds commemorating Sister City relationship with Richmond
- (Afternoon) Visit Pierrefonds City Hall to provide gift to Pierrefonds commemorating 50th Anniversary of Sister City relationship (in 2017) and meeting with Mayor Beis to discuss future Sister City relationship
- (Dinner) Hosted dinner

Day 3

- (Morning) Tour sport hosting facilities in Pierrefonds/Montreal
- (Afternoon) Fly back to Vancouver

Proposed Budget

- Plane tickets (5 economy tickets): \$2,000
- Accommodations (5 Rooms x 2 Nights x \$250/night): \$2,500
- Meals (breakfast inclusive in hotel, Day 1 dinner (5 x \$50), Day 2 lunch (5 x \$25)): \$375
- Transportation: \$200
- Gift for Pierrefonds hosts and commemorative gift to City Hall: \$500
- TOTAL BUDGET = \$6,700

Recommendation

That the updated report on Pierrefonds be received for information.

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