

CITY OF BURNABY COUNCIL IN BRIEF

March 25, 2025

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» **7.3 IRFCC - RE: REVIEW OF NEW AND CURRENT SISTER AND FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIPS**

Council approved recommendations stemming from a review of the City's Sister and Friendship City relationships, including to conclude Friendship City relationships with eight cities: seven cities in the People's Republic of China, and one city in El Salvador. Council also supported a recommendation to re-formalize relationships with seven other cities around the world, including special recognition for Sister City relationships with Kushiro, Japan, and Loughborough, England, by creating new category symbolizing historical significance.

[Attachment 1 – Sister and Friendship Cities Policy](#)

[Attachment 2 – Core Principles Analysis](#)

» **7.5 IRFCC - RE: 2025 Sister City Visit to Kushiro, Japan**

Council approved a recommendation to send a delegation of Council to visit Burnaby's Sister City of Kushiro, Japan this September to acknowledge the 60th anniversary of the two cities' relationship.

» **7.6 PDC - RE: CBBAHR Grant Request for Non-Market Seniors' Supportive Housing Development at 3770 Trinity Street**

Council approved the provision of \$451,126 from the City's Community Benefit Bonus Affordable Housing Reserve to support development of 48 units of non-market seniors' supportive housing at 3770 Trinity Street.

» **7.7 PDC - RE: Finalized Edmonds, Royal Oak and Cascade Heights Community Plans**

Council officially adopted the Edmonds, Royal Oak and Cascade Heights Community Plans. The process to create these plans was launched in 2023 and consisted of three phases, with public consultation during each phase, including seeking input about the three draft plans in late 2024/early 2025.

[Attachment 1 – Phase 3 Engagement Results and Revisions to Draft Community Plans \(winter 2025\)](#)

» **12.2 Councillor Santiago - Notice of Motion: Public Transit**

Council approved a motion asking for the Mayor to write a letter urging the provincial and federal governments to establish a permanent funding source for public transit, ensuring its long-term stability and expansion for Burnaby residents and communities across the region.

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