
REPORT 14

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SISTER CITIES NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE, WAITANGI, 6-9 APRIL 2005

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on the Sister Cities New Zealand conference to be held in Waitangi, 6-9 April 2005, and to seek approval for councillor attendance at the conference.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that Council approve the attendance of one councillor at the Sister Cities New Zealand conference to be held in Waitangi, 6 -9 April 2005, and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEMO1).*
3. *Note that a Strategy and Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 April 2005.*
4. *Note that a report back on the Conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

4. Discussion

Sister Cities New Zealand, of which Wellington City Council is a member of, brings together kindred organisations, voluntary, local-body and governmental groups, cultural, sport, educational and trade groups involved in people-to-people contact between countries and cultures. Sister-Cities New Zealand aims to increase global co-operation at a local level, promote cultural understanding, stimulate economic development and foster a citizens network of organisations and individuals devoted to creating and strengthening partnerships between New Zealand and international communities.

The theme for this conference is “Sailing into the Future- Learning from the Past” and focuses on three topics of interest: Sustainable Economic Development, Youth and International Successes. Each day is themed by these topics and presentations will be given that examine more closely related issues and provide some best practice examples from government agencies and businesses.

There is also a workshop on the first day designed for sister cities activities coordinators, organisers and council international relations personnel who are

involved with Sister Cities at an organisational level. This is then followed by the AGM which will be chaired by the New Zealand President, Jeremy Dwyer. An outline of the programme is attached as Appendix One to this report.

4.1 Considerations

When deciding whether elected member should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost if one elected member is appointed is expected to be \$1644.00 and will be met from the Elected Members budget.

The impact on the budget of one elected member attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One

	2004/2005 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	\$34,000	\$19, 808	\$24,192
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$1,644	\$11,452	\$22,548

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows (per person):

Item	Cost
Registration	\$575.00
Accommodation (x3 nights)	\$435.00
Return Airfares	\$634.00
Total	\$1644.00

5. Conclusion

A decision is required as to which elected member should attend the Sister Cities New Zealand conference to be held in Waitangi, 6-9 April 2005.

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¹ The attendance of 1 Councillor to the LIANZA conference at a cost of \$1795.00
 The attendance of 1 Councillor and 2 Community Board members to the Community Board conference at a cost of \$4308.00
 The attendance of 2 Councillors to the Regional Development conference \$2120.00
 The attendance of 1 Councillor to the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand at a cost of \$1585.00

Appendix One

Convention Programme

Sailing into the Future, the theme adopted for the New Zealand Sister Cities Convention 2005, will be focusing on three topics of interest:

- Sustainable Economic Development
- Youth
- International Successes

Wednesday - 6 April 2005

WELCOME / ARRIVALS	
12 noon	Registration Opens
1.30	Welcome to Newcomers and first time delegates Facilitated by John Stevens & Past Presidents
2.00 3.30	NZ Practitioners Workshop including Up and Running Forum A workshop for New Zealand sister cities activities co-ordinators, organisers and council international relations personnel the "hands on" people. Facilitated by Jeremy Dwyer.
3.30	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00 5.00	AGM Chaired by NZ President, Mr Jeremy Dwyer
5.00 6.30	Welcome Reception (See social programme)
From 6.30	Dinner (See social programme)

Thursday - 7 April 2005

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
8.00 8.30	Registration Opens
8.30 9.15	Powhiri at Treaty Grounds
9.45	MORNING TEA
10.15	Official Opening Her Excellency The Governor General Of New Zealand The Honourable Dame Silvia Cartwright DCNZM, DBE
11.00	Partners Tour Departs. A trip around several local different and successful businesses and lunch at a winery
11.20	Presentation: "Sustainable Economic Development" Address by Peter Lennox, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise Presentation: "Commercial Leverage from Sister City Relationships" Address by Rob Jeffrey, Jeffco International
12.00	LUNCH Presentation: "Sister Cities Economic Growth and Cultural Development" Address by Stuart McKinlay, Pan Pac Forest Products BREAK Presentation: Her Worship the Mayor of the Far North, Yvonne Sharp, His Worship the Mayor of Yuasa, Mr Tateshi Fushiki, His Worship the Mayor of Duncan City, Canada Presentation: "Sister Cities: Governance, Ethics and Principles" Address by Professor Ronald Francis, Victoria University. AFTERNOON TEA

	<p>Presentation: "Results and Analysis from the 2005 National Sister Cities Survey developing the Forward Agenda" Address by Dr Rebecca Foley and Daniel Carruthers.</p> <p>Presentation: "Tourism as a driver of Regional Economic Development" Address by Kiri Goulter, Enterprise Northland.</p>
4.30	CLOSE
5.30	Fullers Sunset Cocktails Cruise (see social programme)
7.30	Evening Function (see social programme)

Friday - 8 April 2005

YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY	
9.00	<p>Presentation: "Educational Institutions as Catalysts for Regional Development" Address by Terry Barnett, Northland Polytechnic</p> <p>Presentation: "International Students Their Impact on Auckland City" Address by Councillor Dr John Hinchcliff - Auckland City Council</p>
10.00	Journey by coach to a special place for morning tea then on to the lunch venue and afternoon "Youth in our Community" session. A chance to meet some of our successful youth sailors who have recently competed in international regattas and hear about Kerikeri High School's successful student and teacher exchange and visiting programme to Taikyu High School in Japan.
1.00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Presentation: "Youth in Sister Cities"</p> <p>Address by Youth Director, Marcella Herrera</p> <p>Presentation: "Bringing World Youth Together" Address by Susie Garnett</p>
2.40	Return to Copthorne with a visit to the Stone Store and Kemp House
6.15	Pre dinner cocktails (see social programme)
7.15	Air New Zealand Awards Dinner (see social programme) Sponsored by CLAIR

Saturday - 9 April 2005

INTERNATIONAL SHARING SUCCESSES	
9.00	Presentation: "Impact of Sustainable Business in a district and on the Environment" Address by Suzanne Hall of Living Nature.
9.30	Presentation: Nancy Huppert, SCI Global Envoy
10.35	Presentation: Jeremy Dwyer, President, NZ Sister Cities
10.55	Next year's conference promo