



Report to: Economic Development Committee

Report Date: October 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Supplement to INFORMATION REPORT: Markham's Participation in the Confederation of Greater Toronto Chinese Business Association (CGTCBA) 2015 China Trade Mission dated July 7, 2015

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the Supplement to the Information Report dated July 7, 2015 entitled "Markham's Participation in the Confederation of Greater Toronto Chinese Business Association (CGTCBA) 2015 China Trade Mission" dated July 7, 2015 be received; and
- 2) That Regional Councillors Li and Armstrong be approved to participate in the China business mission at their own expense; and
- 3) That the City will up-front the cost for Regional Councillors Li and Armstrong to participate in the approved business mission, upon request, with reimbursement through payroll deduction, in compliance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines;
- 4) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Not applicable.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on additional Council member participation in the subject-titled China business mission.

DISCUSSION:

The Information Report dated July 7, 2015 entitled "Markham's Participation in the Confederation of Greater Toronto Chinese Business Association (CGTCBA) 2015 China Trade Mission" approved funding for the Mayor and Vice Chair of Economic Development to attend the China business mission.

In addition to the Mayor and the Vice Chair of Economic Development, already approved to represent the City on the business mission, Regional Councillors Li and Armstrong have also expressed a desire to attend the business mission at their own expense.

Exposure to these business missions by members of Council increases their knowledge and contact networks which should translate into being more effective elected officials.

The opportunity to attend this and future business missions may also be extended to other Councillors, at their own expense, and subject to approval by Council.

Upon request, the City will up-front the cost for approved business missions, with reimbursement through payroll deduction, in compliance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines, subject to Council approval.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

Not applicable.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The “2015 Markham-China Trade Mission” is an integral part of Markham’s 10-Year Economic Strategy “Markham 2020”. The Program addresses the objective of building Global Markham and Branded Markham.

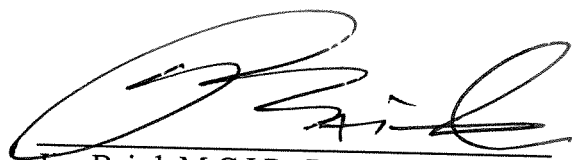
BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

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RECOMMENDED BY:



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ATTACHMENTS:

Not applicable.