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A G E N D A

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 11 October 2017**

Time: **3.00pm**

Venue: **Landmarks Room
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Members	Chair: Councillor Travers Acting Mayor Hazlehurst Councillors Dixon and Watkins Mr H Lade (NZ China Friendship Society); Mr Daya Dayatilake and Mrs Rizwaana Latiff (Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay); Mrs J Too (Hawke's Bay Chinese Association); Olivia Campbell (Youth Council Representative); and Mrs S Padfield (Education Link Group) <i>(Quorum=5 including 2 Councillors)</i>
Officer Responsible:	Economic Development Manager (Mr L Neville)
Secretary	Carolyn Hunt (Ext 5634)

International Advisory Group Delegations

Fields of Activity

The Hastings District International Advisory Group is established to advise the Council on the development of education, scientific research, migration and cultural relationships with cities within China and the rest of the world, and develop relationships with ethnic communities in Hawke's Bay through the knowledge and experience gained from our Sister City relationship with Guilin.

Membership (10)

- Chairman – a Councillor appointed by the Council
- Hastings District Mayor
- 2 other Councillor members appointed by the Council
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Chinese Association
- 2 representatives of the Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay
- 1 representative of the Education Link Group
- 1 representative of the Hastings District Youth Council
- Up to 2 other members may be co-opted at any time

Quorum – 5 members including not less than two Councillor members.

Delegated Powers

1. To promote and oversee sister city activity between Guilin and Hastings District such as delegation visits and cultural exchanges.
2. To support the development of relationships between Hastings District or Hawke's Bay based educational establishments with those in China and the rest of the world.
3. To report its work and progress to the Social Development and Culture Committee.

Meetings

Meetings will be held a minimum of 3 times a year. These are to be advertised as public meetings, and will be fully serviced by Democratic Support.

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1. Apologies

An apology from Mrs Too has been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2. Conflict of Interest

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have.

3. Consideration of General Business Items

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MINUTES

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 21 June 2017**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the International Advisory Group held on
21 June 2017 at 3.00pm**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD IN THE LANDMARKS ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2017 AT 3.00PM

PRESENT: **Chair:** Councillor Travers
Mayor Yule, Councillors Dixon and Watkins
Mrs J Too (Hawke's Bay Chinese Association); Mrs
Rizwaana Latiff (Multicultural Association), Mrs S Padfield
(Education Link Group)

IN ATTENDANCE: Economic Development Manager (Mr L Neville)
Democratic Support Manager (Mrs J Evans)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Travers/Councillor Dixon

That apologies for absence from Mr Dayatilake and Mr Lade be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no general business items.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to confirm.

5. LEARNING HAWKE'S BAY CHINA DELEGATION

(Document 17/450)

The Economic Development Manager informed the Group about a recent trip to China by Learning Hawke's Bay.

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Travers

A) That the report of the International Business Development Manager titled "Learning Hawke's Bay China Delegation" dated 21/06/2017 be received.

CARRIED

6. DEZHOU - FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

(Document 17/451)

Councillor Dixon/Mrs Padfield

- A) That the report of the Economic Development Manager titled “Dezhou - Friendship Agreement” dated 21/06/2017 be received.
- B) That Council be recommended to adopt the Friendship Agreement between Dezhou City, Shandong Province, China and Hastings District Council as attached to this report.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities in building International relationships.

CARRIED

7. OSMANTHUS GARDEN LANTERN FESTIVAL REPORT

(Document 17/567)

Councillor Kevin Watkins presented a report on the success of the Lantern Festival held on 5 – 9 April 2017.

It was felt that the Lantern Festival in Osmanthus Gardens should be treated as annual event in the Council diary and that consideration should be given to the allocation of a budget for the organisation of the festival.

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Dixon

- A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled “Osmanthus Garden Lantern Festival Report” dated 21/06/2017 be received.
- B) That it be noted that \$5,000 from the current 2016-17 year International Advisory Group cultural activity budget has been allocated to the funding of the 2017 Lantern festival.
- C) That up to \$5000 be granted towards the 2018 Osmanthus Garden Festival from the IAG Cultural Activity Budget.
- D) That the Social and Cultural Development Committee be requested to consider the allocation of a specific budget at an appropriate level to fund the holding of a Lantern Festival at Osmanthus Gardens for 2019 onwards.

CARRIED

8. SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE REPORT

(Document 17/568)

Councillors Travers and Watkins reported to the Group on the Sister City Conference they attended held in Invercargill in from 4 - 6 May 2017.

It was noted that Hastings District won the school and youth section of the Sister Cities project competition. Councillor Watkins was congratulated on the work he

had undertaken for this event.

Councillor Travers/Mrs Padfield

- A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled “Sister Cities Conference Report” dated 21/06/2017 be received.**

CARRIED

9. REPORTS FROM INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

(Document CG-14-1-00007, CG-14-10-00006, 17/451)

The Group received reports from Mrs Padfield, the Chair of Education Link, the China Friendship Society, and Mrs Too, President of the Chinese Association, Hawkes Bay.

Mrs Padfield/Councillor Watkins

- A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled “Report from International Advisory Group Members ” dated 21/06/2017 be received.**

CARRIED

10. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM - ASIANS IN THE BAY AWARDS

(Document 17/594)

The Group considered a request from the Multicultural Association, Hawke’s Bay to sponsor the Asians in the Bay Awards 2017.

Mrs Padfield/Councillor Watkins

- A) That the report of the Economic Development Manager titled “Supplementary Agenda Item - Asians in the Bay Awards” dated 21/06/2017 be received.**

- B) That a contribution of \$2,000 be made to the Asians in the Bay Awards 2017 to be met from the IAG Cultural Activity budget.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities in building International relationships.

CARRIED

11. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM - GUILIN CHINA SCHOOL VISIT 8 - 13 AUGUST 2017

(CG- 14-10-00008)

The Group considered a report on a forthcoming visit scheduled for 8 -13 August 2017 from the Guilin Children’s Palace School. The report outlined details of the visit and proposals to hold an event to welcome the guests.

Councillor Travers/Councillor Dixon

- A) That the report of the Events Manager titled “Supplementary Agenda Item – Guilin China School Visit” dated 21/06/2017 be received.**

- B) That a contribution of up to \$3,000 be made towards the funding of an event to welcome the Guilin Children's Palace School to be met from the IAG Cultural Activity budget.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities in building International relationships.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4 .45 pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT TO: INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

**FROM: EVENTS MANAGER
GINETTE MILLER**

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S PALACE VISIT

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the Guilin Children's Palace School of Performing Arts visit to Hawke's Bay 8 – 12 August 2017.
- This request was made to update the Committee on the outcomes of the visit.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A group of 16 10-12 year olds and 6 accompanying adults from the Guilin Children's Palace school were officially welcomed with a powhiri at Te Aute College on Wednesday, 9 August 2017. Following, they had lunch and a tour of the Hastings District Council with Councillors, and a visit to both the Osmanthus Gardens and St Matthews Church (led by Councillor Kevin Watkins).
- 2.2 The rest of the week included visits to schools across Hastings and Napier, including Havelock North High School, Havelock North Intermediate School and St Patrick's School (Napier).
- 2.3 The week culminated in a joint performance with the Hawke's Bay Orchestral Society Youth at the Blyth Performing Arts Centre, Iona College on Saturday, 12 August 2017. This was a free concert given to the public, and was very well attended. The performers and special guests were then invited to attend a private reception in the Iona College Dining Hall as a farewell luncheon.

3.0 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 3.1 Guilin hosted the Mayor and the Hawke's Bay Youth Orchestra in April 2016 with a formal ceremony and banquet for the 35th anniversary of the sister city relationship, and we committed to returning the hospitality the next time they visit Hastings
- 3.2 The public performance gave the communities of Hastings the opportunity to learn more about our sister relationship, experience cultural diversity, and support our aspiring young musicians
- 3.3 Our hospitality resulted in continued positive relations with our sister city plus an invitation to do a return visit to Guilin in the near future.
- 3.4 Below is a letter written by the President of the NZ China Friendship Society David Bromwich to the head dignitary of the Guilin group that demonstrates the positive outcomes of the visit and the benefit of the hospitality that was shown to Guilin:

“Hello He Xin

I would like to express my gratitude to you and GFAO for the support and assistance for the Guilin Children’s Palace visit. This end, we consider it was a great success. The itinerary went off well, the performances were a great hit in all 5 schools visited, and an added bonus was the warmth and sincerity expressed between the young people of both countries in informal interaction. A true investment in ‘people to people’ exchange.

I personally feel that this visit has also contributed to the depth of the sister city relationship, and with the visit to Guilin last April, established a rejuvenation of cultural exchange. We are grateful for the contribution made by the Hastings District Council, and look forward to ongoing collaboration with them. I am optimistic that this exchange will become a regular activity. While we are currently looking at a return of the HB youth orchestra to Guilin next April, GCP are very keen that at minimum it becomes an essential part of 40th anniversary celebrations in 2021, if not before.

Te Aute College would also like an invitation from GFAO to visit Guilin with a group of performers. The last visit in 2006 was well remembered, and they are keen to come again in the near future. At this stage, a general invitation letter for them to start to plan would be gratefully received.

Once again, thanks to all in Guilin who made this visit possible”.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

- A) That the report of the Event Manager titled “Children’s Palace Visit” dated 11/10/2017 be received.**

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

REPORT TO: INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

**FROM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
LEE NEVILLE**

SUBJECT: UPDATE REPORT

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to verbally update the Group on International and Sister City activity since the last meeting of the Group in June 2017.

1.2 This report concludes by recommending that the information be received

2.0 ACTIVITIES

2.1 **Asians in the Bay Awards** – Mrs Rizwaana Latiff, Multicultural Association Hawke’s Bay reported that a successful Asian in the Bay Awards was held on 7 August 2017 and continues to grow every year. A record number of 36 applications were received, with 230 people attending the Awards evening.

2.2 The guest speaker at the Awards was Vanisa Dhiru, President National Council of Women who was very inspirational.

2.3 The Multicultural Association Hawke’s Bay acknowledged and thanked Hastings District Council for their sponsorship for the Awards.

2.4 The next upcoming event for the Association would be the International Cultures Day to be held on Saturday, 4 March 2018 at Cornwall Park, Hastings.

2.5 International Cultures Day was an opportunity for people to taste of a variety of yummy food from all over the world, get to know the different international communities that now call Hawke’s Bay their home and enjoy a range of performances from local international talents.

2.6 **Education Link** – An verbal/written update will be provided at the meeting.

2.7 **2018 China Amazing Race** - Following the success of the 2015 Amazing China Face Race Councillor Watkins is in the initial stages of bringing together Sponsorship to support a second similar Amazing China Face Race project for 2018.

2.8 During Councillor Watkins’ recent visit to China, he meet with our 2015 Gold Sponsors in Nanning. In the debrief, they commented the Amazing China Face Race far exceeded any expectations they had, and they have given verbal confirmation they would be happy to again support a 2018 project. This is a crucial funding partner.

2.9 Councillor Watkins was currently in negotiations with Air New Zealand who were our Silver sponsors in 2015 and may have an update to present to the meeting.

- 2.10 On Monday, 9 October 2017 Councillor Watkins will be flying to Wellington to further discuss the 2018 project with Mr Guo, China Culture Organisation Director.
- 2.11 The China Culture organisation is directed by the Ministry of Culture in Beijing. In June Mr Guo travelled to Hastings to learn more about the 2015 Amazing China Face Race, and how they might assist in further similar projects.
- 2.12 Councillor Watkins will update the Committee at the meeting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- A) That the report of the Economic Development Manager titled “Update Report” dated 11/10/2017 be received.**

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

REPORT TO: INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

**FROM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
LEE NEVILLE**

**SUBJECT: INWARD INVESTMENT GROUP - CHINESE VISIT TO
HAWKE'S BAY**

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Group on International and Sister City activity since the last meeting of the Group in June 2017.

1.2 This report concludes by recommending that the information be received.

2.0 ACTIVITIES

2.1 A delegation of sixteen investors from China were hosted in Hastings on 20 September 2017 by Tomoana Warehousing Limited and New Zealand Miracle Water.

2.2 The Investor Group visited a number of businesses in the Hastings District and were shown local landmarks of interest.

2.3 The Delegation visited Hastings District Council and viewed a presentation from Council Officers including:

- Hastings District Industrial zones.
- Profile of businesses operating in Hastings District.
- Napier Port and Airport information
- Key Account services approach to business
- Overview of the Hastings City and Guilin Sister City relationship

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

A) That the report of the Economic Development Manager titled "Inward Investment Group - Chinese Visit to Hawke's Bay" dated 11/10/2017 be received.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

REPORT TO: INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

**FROM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
LEE NEVILLE**

**SUBJECT: COUNCILLOR WATKINS - TRIP TO CHINA AND
MIANYANG EXPO SEPTEMBER 2017**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 A report from Councillor Kevin Watkins, on his recent visit to China and Mianyang is attached for information.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Councillor Watkins – Trip to China and Mianyang Expo September 2017” be received,

Attachments:

1 China Visit 2017

CG-14-10-00012

Councillor Watkins - Report on my visit to China and Mianyang Expo Sept 2017

1. The purpose of my visit, with my wife, to China was five fold.
2. Firstly, to accept an invitation from Mianyang City, with whom Hastings District Council signed a Friendship Relationship in 2008, to represent Hastings District Council at the 5th Science and Technology Expo. For five years HDC had received invitations to this high profile International Annual Expo, but had never responded until this year.
3. The second purpose was to meet families in Southern China who have children (Fully paid International students) attending our Secondary Colleges here in Hastings District.
4. The third purpose was to report and debrief with the Gold Sponsor of the 2015 Amazing China Face Race, and seek their interest in supporting a new 2018 Amazing China Face Race.
5. The fourth purpose was to visit our Sister City, Guilin, met the new Director of Foreign Affairs, The Chairman of the Guilin Standing Committee and visit the Hi Vision Technology LED production facility with a view to future co-operation between then and Hastings in the LED lighting space.
6. And finally to meet Li Sha, the Face of the 2015 Amazing China Face Race and for official talks with the Mayor of New Beichuan County, and a specific request to met with staff of New Beichuan Middle School.
7. Arriving in Guangzhou at 6.30am after a 12 hour flight from Auckland, we were met by Mrs Yang Min and her husband. Their daughter is a student at HGHS. To meet someone from local Government in Hastings means a lot to them and a confidence that we are here to help if any concerns are raised.
8. A three hour fast train trip to Guigang allowed us to meet the parents of a student at HGHS. Again they valued the knowledge that HDC also has an interest in the well being of their daughter.
9. Later that same night another fast train trip to reach Nanning City, the Capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. During our two days there, we meet parents of another family whose daughter is at HGHS, and whom will assist sponsor other students to various Hastings Secondary Schools. We also had discussions with Guangxi Hongda Assett Company re sponsorship for a new 2018 Amazing China Face Race.

10. A three hour fast train journey to Guilin where we were met and welcomed by He Xin. In the early evening Official talks were held with Mr Zhou, Chairman of the Guilin standing committee, and other officials under the bright lights of TV cameras and News reporters.
11. Next morning, Sunday, a visit to the Guilin Backyard Catholic Church Service, and then an official visit to the newly opened Guilin Museum Cultural Centre in the new nearby city of Lingui. This is a magnificent facility, the likes I have never seen before. Seven floors, the two hours we were there we visited just two floors. The whole complex is huge and i would suggest this will become a centre of tourist attraction for the whole province.
12. Official talks at Zhongshan Middle School, with the new Principal and staff. I detected a worry that the relationship between HGHS and themselves needs constant energising, and I pledged I would speak to Catherine Bently about the history and importance of this relationship.
13. We visited the factory of Hi Vision LED Technology at the invitation of owner Mr Bill Zhou, a factory with 350 staff manufacturing high quality LED and Solar lighting merchandise. Our talks resulted in an offer to HDC which a Team is not working on.
14. It was a delight to meet again Caroline and Daniel and now their 6 year old daughter Olivia. Caroline and Daniel were married in Hastings in 2008. This wedding was broadcast on TV to millions of viewers in China. We also met other long standing acquaintances in Guilin.
15. We visited the Guangxi Institute of Botany in Yanshan Town, the home of our Guilin Sister City relationship, meeting the Director and staff for talks. It was thrilling to meet again the designer of our Osmanthus garden there. On our last evening in Guilin it was our pleasure to host He Xin and his wife to dinner at the New Bravo Hotel.
16. We flew to Sichuan Province, arriving in Chengdu City. Greeted by Li Sha, a car, and a driver. Our three hours in Chengdu was spent visiting just one site.... the world's largest free standing building. This is a Shopping Mall, recently completed, come resort come everything else you can possibly imagine. The size is mind blowing. Inside this one building you could place 20 Sydney Opera Houses, or three Pentagons, or 329 rugby fields. Not only shopping but two multi storey 5 star Hotels, a beach with sand, plam trees, and swimming and wave riding and performance platforms.
17. A two hour drive and we reach Mianyang, our friendship city. Early evening a meeting with Mianyang Foreign Affairs Directors, and old friends who visited

Hastings with an Official Delegation visit two years ago. Next morning attending the Official Opening of the 5th Science and Technology Expo, in the afternoon an hours drive to the earthquake shattered remains Old Beichuan Town. This is heart renching. Two hours walking and viewing, you are drained and emotionally shattered at the scale of the disaster and the loss of human life, 10,000 in this one small rural town. We laid flowers at the Memorial Site and paid our respects. In the evening we were taken to the New Beichuan City, built after the earthquake of 2008 some 12 miles from the original Old Beichuan Town. And here you realise and see the capacity and resource of the Chinese people. From what was flat wasteland, a brand new city accommodating 40,000 people, sports stadiums, schools, Government administration buildings, wonderful shopping precincts, all infrastructure, all landscaping, simply beautiful and all completed in 24 months.

18. After a dinner with the Mayor of New Beichuan, we were guests of a Qiang Minority performance in the New City Square. This outdoor event late into the balmy evening was a highlight, hospitality, friendship, dancing and singing. I can't sing well, but the custom is that visitors so welcomed must respond with a song. Lubrication of the vocal chords and sang our National Anthem - I sounded ok even to my ears.
19. Next morning Official talks with New Beichuan High School. As a note, during the 2008 earthquake the High school in the old Beichuan County Town collapsed, more than 1300 hundred students and teachers lost their lives.
20. During my talks with the Principal and senior staff of the High school, they pleaded for help from Hastings High Schools, and these same pleads were heard from the Mayor.
21. The High School has 3500 students. Many of these students lost family and friends in the 2008 earthquake. While time heals, many still suffer flashbacks to the horror they experienced. The school curriculum is regimented and they acknowledge their system is not working well for their students and they need to understand a new balance.
22. Some two years ago the School signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Havelock North High School (HNHS), but from what I heard, little has happened from this end.
23. I will follow up with HNHS when school resumes after the holidays. Their plea is to encourage any school to engage with them to facilitate a two way exchange programme for teachers and possibly students such as Hastings Girls' High School (HGHS) has done with Zhingshan Middle School. I sensed this is a desperate plea for help, and I would like this Advisory Group to consider if and

how we might be able to help. My understanding is that funding of the exchange could be available from their end. The afternoon was back to Mianyang and attendance at the Expo.

24. The next morning an early flight to Zhengzhou, a visit to the old Capital Kaifeng (during the Song Dynasty) and Xinxiang, a new city of some 4 million people. I might relate verbally one incident I was accidentally involved with there....
25. A 7 hour fast train journey (307 kph) back to Guangzhou and another fast train journey to Dongguan city to meet another family whose son has just started this year at HNHS. Again relationship building which will bring further benefits hopefully to the school.
26. Departing Guangzhou after midnight and 11 hours later back in Auckland and home.
27. In summary, this was a very successful mission touching a lot of bases... and I am feel confident some very successful outcomes in the short term.

REPORT TO: INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

**FROM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
LEE NEVILLE**

SUBJECT: GUILIN SISTER CITY VISIT TO HASTINGS

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the recent Guilin Delegation visit to Hastings in July 2017.
- 1.2 This report concludes by recommending that the report be received for information.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The following members formed part of the Guilin Delegation invited to the district by former Mayor Yule.

Zhao Leqin	Chairman	Guilin Municipal Peoples Congress
Huang Liping	Deputy Secretary General	CPC Guilin Municipal Committee
Lu Zhicheng	Secretary	CPC Pingle County Committee
Jiang Yuliang	Secretary	CPC Guilin Xiufeng District
Xie Xiaoming	Director	Guilin Land Resources Bureau
Zhou Bo	Section Chief	CPC Guilin Municipal Committee

- 2.2 The Delegation were welcomed at the Hawke's Bay Regional Airport by Councillor Watkins who escorted the Delegation around the district and visited the following:
- Arataki honey
 - Te Mata Peak
 - Walk through central Hastings
 - Visited Osmanthus Gardens
 - Hastings District Council
 - St Matthews Church
 - Paratua Vineyards, Bridge Pa
- 2.3 Council hosted the Delegation at Craggy Range for the evening dinner.
- 2.4 The delegation visit was a very short goodwill visit from our sister city which reinforced how important the relationship is between Guilin and Hastings.
- 2.5 It was agreed during Clr Watkins visit to Guilin City that Guilin would send one or two of their minority people who would wear minority costume as an added attraction for the Lantern Festival, Osmanthus Gardens to be held in April 2018.
- 2.6 In China there are 56 ethnic groups with the major group being the "Han" and they represent 93% of the Chinese population. The other 55 minority groups

across China of which several of those minority groups reside in Guilin. Each minority group has their own distinct colourful costume.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

- A) That the report of the Economic Development Manager titled “Guilin Sister City Visit to Hastings” dated 11/10/2017 be received for information.**

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.