
Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

International Advisory Group Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 6 September 2022**

Te Wā:
Time: **3.30pm**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Te Hoapā:
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Te Āpiha Matua:
Responsible
Officer: **Economic Development Manager - Lee Neville**

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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
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Settlement Support
- 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 Great Communities Subcommittee.

Meetings

Meetings will be held a minimum of three times a year. These are to be advertised as public meetings, and will be fully serviced by the Council's Governance and Democracy Team.

The International Advisory Group reports to the Great Communities Subcommittee.

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Heamana

Chair: Councillor Kevin Watkins

Nga Kai Kaunihara

Councillors: Geraldine Travers (Deputy Chair) and Alwyn Corban

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Rion Roben or Alicia Huang (NZ China Friendship Society, HB Branch)

Mematanga:

Membership:

Satyam Saha (President, Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay Incorporated)

Jenny Too (National President of the New Zealand Chinese Association Inc) or Ray Ching (Hawke's Bay Chinese Association Inc)
Sue Padfield (Education Link Group)

Marcus Laiseni (Youth Council Representative)
Vacancy (HB Settlement Support)

Tokamatua

Quorum:

5 members - including 2 Councillors

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

Economic Development Manager - Lee Neville

Te Rōpū Manapori me te Kāwanatanga

Democratic & Governance Services

Christine Hilton (Extn 5633)

Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

1.0 Apologies & Leave of Absence – *Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui*

Apologies from Satyam Saha and Mrs Padfield have been received.

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

2.0 Conflict of Interest– *Mahi Kai Huangā*

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.

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes - *Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī*

Minutes of the International Advisory Group held Monday 11 July 2022.
(Previously circulated)

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Hastings District Council: International Advisory Group

Te Rārangi Take

Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager

Te Take: Request from Vyas Municipality, Government of Nepal for
Subject: Friendship City with Hastings City

1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 Eastern Bridge reviewed the City of Vyas and the summary shows there aren't any economic benefits to a sister city relationship between Hastings City and the City of Vyas in Nepal.
- 1.2 Supporting development of communities in the City of Vyas could be an initiative for the Hastings District to consider.
- 1.3 Further engagement is proposed to identify areas of mutual benefit to both cities.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the International Advisory Group (IAG) receive the report titled Request from Vyas Municipality, Government of Nepal for Friendship City with Hastings City dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International Advisory Group support further discussions with the City of Vyas to explore the areas that could lead to a sister city relationship and report back the findings at the next IAG meeting.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 The Mayor the City of Vyas Nepal Mr Baikuntha Neupane has written to Mayor Sandra Hazelhurst proposing a sister city relationship is established between the two cities.
- 3.2 Eastern Bridge have provided a background briefing document on the City of Vyas, the report is attached to this report.

3.3 When a council is considering a sister city relationship there are a range of factors to consider. Global Cities New Zealand have developed the following sister city guidelines:

- **Identify your targets**-exploit the comparative advantage of your locality.
- **Planning is vital**-have a strategic plan for each relationship. Build in regular reviews and ensure that changing objectives can be accommodated.
- **Define the roles**-councils are not always the best agency to conduct business negotiations, and roles should be delineated accordingly.
- **It's a two-way thing**- include local businesses in trade promotion activities. But by the same token, know when to back off and let the business partners negotiate the deal.
- **Don't rush things**-Sister City relationships thrive on continuity of contact and the building of trust between local and overseas local bodies. Ensure that continuity of contact is not over-reliant on individuals.
- **Evaluation is essential**- evaluating council activities and keeping track of business success helps demonstrate accountability and contributes valuable information regarding best practice.
- **Savings are benefits too**- information and technology exchange can be valuable, low-cost source of information.
- **Make use of technology**-the internet provides an effective, low-cost vehicle for advertising your region and its comparative advantages.
- **Details Matter**- councils can help business by providing important cultural and background information.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

4.1 Key points on the City of Vyas from the Eastern Bridge report:

- The City of Vyas municipality is approximately 150km from the Capital Kathmandu.
- There isn't a New Zealand embassy in Nepal or Nepalese embassy in New Zealand, and there aren't any sister city relationships between Nepal and New Zealand.
- Compared to Hastings the economy is low-performing.
- The area is unlikely to be a market for Hastings exporting businesses
- International students and tourists are unlikely to travel to Hastings City
- The local government of Vyas City are seeking inward investment from Hastings City to enable community development programmes in the region.

4.2 The Multicultural association of H.B. may have insights into the invitation from City of Vyas for a sister city relationship with Hastings City.

5.0 Options – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

5.1 Reply to the letter from the Mayor of the City of Vyas, and start a dialogue to explore mutual benefits of a sister city arrangement, and report back on progress at the next International Advisory Group meeting.

Advantages

- It will allow time to build trust and understanding between both cities.
- Establish the benefits to Hastings City.

- Identify the investment of resources required.
- Evaluate at a later date if a sister city relationship will deliver outcomes for both cities.

Disadvantages

- An expectations that a sister city relationship will be developed between City of Vyas and Hastings City.
- Developing the relationship to provide benefits to both regions may take a long time to deliver.

Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuetanga o nāianeī

5.2 Reply to the letter from City of Vyas requesting a sister city relationship and decline the invitation.

Advantage

- Resources are not diverted from existing international relationships.

Disadvantage

- New opportunities for the Hastings community are not explored.

Attachments:

1	City briefing document City of Vyas Nepal Eastern Bridge Ltd	COP-07-01-03-22-96
2	Request for Sister City relationship from City of Vyas Nepal 30 July 2022	COP-07-01-03-22-97

CITY BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Vyas (Byas) Municipality

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Hastings District Council: International Advisory Group

Te Rārangi Take

Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: **Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager**

Te Take:
Subject: **Update on the Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens**

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 A briefing report on the strategic alignment and establishment of a trust is attached, which outlines a potential trust structure, trustee suggestions and representation.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the establishment of the trust and engagement of trustees becomes an action plan to be delivered after the Local Government Elections 2022 and the March 2023 lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens.


2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the International Advisory Group receive the report titled Update on the Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International Advisory Group support progressing the establishment of a trust to deliver the lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens after the 2023 event.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

- 3.1 At the International Advisory Group (IAG) meeting on the 10th May 2022 the report on lantern festival options for sustainable growth was received.
- 3.2 The IAG supported the establishment of an advisory support group to investigate a charitable trust structure for the lantern festival and report back to the IAG in two months' time.

Attachments:

- 1  Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens establishment of a trust COP-07-01-03-22-94

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This proposal promotes the international connections wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

The Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens event budget is \$15,000.

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of medium significance.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

There will be further consultation with community groups to establish a trust.

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Hastings District Council: International Advisory Group

Te Rārangi Take

Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager

Te Take:
**Subject: Celebration 50th Anniversary of New Zealand's Diplomatic Ties
with China**

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 On December 22nd 1972 New Zealand Recognised the People's Republic of China.
- 1.2 It is proposed to hold a ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of New Zealand recognising the People's Republic of China in the Osmanthus Gardens in Hastings.
- 1.3 The ceremony will include a lantern display and musical performance by musician Annie Gong.
- 1.4 Funding from the International Advisory Group budget of up to \$5,000 will support Lantern installation and the musical performance.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the International Advisory Group receive the report titled Celebration 50th Anniversary of New Zealand's Diplomatic Ties with China dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International advisory Group approve \$5,000 from the IAG budget to support the celebration of 50 years since New Zealand recognised the People's Republic of China.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

- 3.1 New Zealand recognised the Republic of China on 22 December 1972. The economic, cultural, and political relations between the two countries have grown over five decades.

- 3.2 China is a significant export market for the goods and services produced in the Hawke's Bay region and this trade supports employment for the communities across the Hastings District.
- 3.3 The aim is to provide recognition of the fifty year relationship between New Zealand and the People's Republic of China and the benefits to the Hastings District from the on-going relationship.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 It is proposed to hold a ceremony celebrating New Zealand's recognition of the People's Republic of China on 22nd of December 1972.
- 4.2 The ceremony will be held in the Osmanthus Gardens in Hastings.
- 4.3 The date for the ceremony is to be determined.
- 4.4 A lantern display will be installed temporarily in the Osmanthus Gardens for the anniversary celebration.
- 4.5 Annie Gong who performed at the 40th anniversary celebrations of Guilin and Hastings sister city agreement has been invited to perform at the ceremony.
- 4.6 Additional events and performances are yet to be arranged for the day's celebrations in the Osmanthus Gardens.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: **Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager**

Te Take:
Subject: **Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Maui Nga Pou Rangimarie**

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/ Te Matau-a-Māui-Nga Pou Rangimarie propose that the International Advisory Group (IAG) of the Hastings District Council receive a Peace Pole on the 21st September 2022, and that the pole be placed at the Osmanthus Garden.
- 1.2 The Hastings District Council has been an active contributor and supporter of the peace Pou Project. The 43 Peace Poles stood in Civic Square for five months over summer and will be distributed across the region.
- 1.3 Liz Remmerswaal from Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/ Te Matau-a-Māui-Nga Pou Rangimarie will address the International Advisory group on the projects outcomes.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the International Advisory Group receive the report titled Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Maui Nga Pou Rangimarie dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International Advisory Group receive a Peace Pole on the 21st September 2022 that will be located in the Osmanthus Gardens.

Attachments:

1  Proposal to International Advisory Group Hawkes Bay Peace Poles COP-07-01-03-22-95

