



## Sister City Relationships

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### PURPOSE

To address the whole policy issue of Twinning, including specific guidelines and criteria.

### POLICY

1. Twinning/Sister City Relationships will only be considered where Council deems they would provide a valuable starting point for coordination of local efforts to develop trade and business contacts of benefit to the community, its business stakeholders and residents.
2. Priority shall be given to establishing Twinning/Sister Relationships at the civic level where similar relationships at the local organization level may exist with counterparts of the Chamber of Commerce, School District, and Airport Society.
3. Twinning/Sister City Relationships which are consistent with the directions established by the focus areas of the Corporate Strategic Plan and which expand the economic development potential of the community by enabling new trade and commerce opportunities to be optimized given the community's high degree of accessibility to other locations in North America via the highway network, railway intermodal facilities, Airport and the Fraser Port are especially encouraged.
4. Given the broad-based benefits that could be created for the local economy from such relationships, Pitt Meadows looks to corporate donors, local organizations, service clubs and church organizations for financial and active participation in the identification, implementation and management of a community-based Sister City program.
5. Of secondary importance shall be the development of civic ties for the purpose of exchange of cultural, educational and other programs.