

## City of Richmond

# Sister City Advisory Committee 2018 Year in Review

### 2018 Summary:

The Sister City Advisory Committee manages the relationships with three official Sister Cities: Pierrefonds, Quebec (since 1967), Wakayama, Japan (since 1973), and Xiamen, China (since 2012); as well as one Friendship City: Qingdao, China (since 2008). Information from various SCAC activities and events are outlined in the following pages.

### 2018 Committee Members:

<b>Chair</b>	Lisa MacNeil
<b>Vice Chair, Pierrefonds</b>	Ed Gavsie
<b>Vice-Chair, Qingdao</b>	Eden Jiang Zhang
<b>Vice-Chair, Wakayama</b>	Glenn Kishi
<b>Vice-Chair, Xiamen</b>	Helen Quan
<b>Members</b>	Allen Chan
	Charan Gill
	Ihsan Malik
	Kim Ng
	Razzak Paracha
	Melissa Zhang
<b>Council Liaison</b>	Councillor Ken Johnston
<b>School Board Liaison</b>	Donna Sargent
	Alice Wong(Alternate)

### 2018 Sister City Relationship Milestones

- Richmond celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Wakayama, Japan
- Richmond celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Qingdao, China

## January

- Newly appointed SCAC members were introduced at the first meeting in January.



**Left: Ed Gavsie, Allen Chan, Melissa Zhang, Razzak Paracha, Ihsan Malik, Lisa MacNeil, Glenn Kishi, Helen Quan, Donna Sargent, Charan Gill, Cllr. Ken Johnston, Kim Ng**

- The SCAC elected the Chair and Vice-Chairs for Wakayama, Pierrefonds, Xiamen and Qingdao initiatives committees; and selected members to the following subcommittees:
  - Pierrefonds Initiatives;
  - Qingdao Initiatives;
  - Wakayama Initiatives;
  - Xiamen Initiatives; and
  - Public Relations Initiatives.

## March

- From March 7-23, 2018, 15 students and 12 coaches from the Steveston Judo Club travelled to Wakayama, Japan. The City of Richmond is a financial sponsor of this trip. The Judo group participated in Judo training sessions and tournaments in Kobe, Osaka, Wakayama, Miomura Village, and Tokai.



**Steveston Judo Club visit to Wakayama, Japan**



**Steveston Judo Club training session in Wakayama, Japan**



## May

- From May 14-20, 2018, 32 students and 5 teachers visited Richmond from Wakayama, Japan as part of the annual Wakayama-Richmond student exchange visit. Students met with Mayor Malcolm Brodie, visited three Richmond secondary schools, participated in tours of Richmond and Vancouver and visited the Richmond Night Market.



**Students and teachers met with Mayor Malcolm Brodie at Richmond City Hall**

## June/July

- In celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wakayama and Richmond's Sister City relationship, a delegation from Wakayama's Sister City Affiliation Committee visited Richmond from June 28 to July 2, 2018. During this time, delegation members participated in a Cherry Tree Planting Ceremony and walked in the Richmond Sister City Canada Day float at the Steveston Salmon Festival. The Wakayama Delegation was extremely impressed with the warm reception they received from Richmond.



**Wakayama Delegation Cherry Tree Planting Ceremony**



- On July 1, 2018, the Sister City Advisory Committee participated in the Steveston Salmon Festival with the largest parade entry to date. Over 100 volunteers participated in the parade, including the Wakayama Delegation, the Taiko 55 Drummers, Xiamen Airlines and Richmond community volunteers.



**Sister City Advisory Committee entry to the Steveston Salmon Festival Parade**

## December

- The Sister City Advisory Committee completed work on the Four Year Activity Plan, which was presented to Council on December 17, 2018. This plan forms the basis of Sister City activities, both visit and non-visit, from 2019 to 2022.