

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2013
FROM:	GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON
SUBJECT	REPORT ON A VISITING DELEGATION FROM NANJING, CHINA MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, this report on the March 2013 visit by a delegation from London's sister city, Nanjing, China, **BE RECEIVED.**

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jinshan, Finance and Administration Committee, October 3, 2011.
 Team London Trade Scoping Mission to China, Finance and Administration, November 16, 2011
 Status Report on Team London Trade Scoping Mission to China, City Council, November 21, 2011
 Report on Team London Trade Scoping Mission to China November 2011, Finance and Administrative Services Committee, February 6, 2012
 Team London Trade Mission to China, March 2012, Special Meeting of Finance and Administrative Services Committee, March 20, 2012
 Team London Trade Mission to China, April 2012, Finance and Administrative Services, June 18, 2012

BACKGROUND

On March 13-14, London received a delegation from Nanjing, London's sister city in Jiangsu Province China.

The Nanjing delegation, visiting London at the invitation of Mayor Fontana, included members of the Jianye District Science and Technology Bureau. The program for March 13-14 included a meeting with Mayor Fontana and members of City Council with presentations from the London Economic Development Corporation, the London Chamber of Commerce and its Asian Business Opportunities Committee, the Chinese National Council – London Chapter, and the London Chinese Business Association. The delegation attended the opening ceremony of the World Figure Skating Championships in the City of London suite at Budweiser Gardens. They met with WORLDDiscoveries staff and Western University researchers on campus to discuss Canadian-Chinese cooperation in scientific research and technology commercialization, and toured labs in the Faculty of Engineering and the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. The delegation attended a dinner hosted by WORLDDiscoveries and involving Western researchers and representatives of the City, LEDC, the London Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the Chinese-Canadian community in London. Following the dinner, the delegation viewed the Tree of Light Sound and Light Show. They left early the following morning for a flight to Shanghai.

The visit was a follow-up to Team London's missions to China in November 2011 and April 2012 and has helped deepen London's economic and cultural ties with its sister city. During the visit, the head of delegation invited a London delegation to attend the Nanjing Summer Youth Olympics, to be held in August 2014.

The Nanjing delegation paid its own expenses for travel, hotels, and ground transportation. Skate

Canada provided complimentary tickets for the opening ceremony of the World Figure Skating Championships. Direct civic expenses incurred by the City of London for receiving this delegation were approximately \$784 for official gifts and refreshments. Interpretation was provided by City of London intern, Julie He. These costs have been accommodated within existing budgets of the City Manager's Office.

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