

City of Richmond Sister City Program

The objectives of this program are to:

- enhance friendship and mutual understanding;
- foster cultural exchanges;
- foster student and athletic exchanges;
- foster trade and other economic linkages.

This program is co-ordinated by the Sister City Committee which has eight members including six citizens appointed by Council, one representative of City Council and one representative of the School District appointed by the School Board.

Committee's responsibilities include:

- arranging all aspects of the program of such visits, including transportation, sight-seeing, ceremonial dinners, and the purchase and distribution of gifts for official visits; (these arrangements would be done in consultation/partnership with the Committee's counterparts in the sister cities);
- presenting and recommending to Council an annual workplan and budget for the Sister City Program;
- administering the Sister City Program budget;
- determining the number and duration of official visits, subject to the budgetary limits established annually by Council;
- recommending to Council the appropriate number of Committee members, Council members and City staff to be included on any official visits to a sister city;
- inviting any other appropriate persons to participate in an official visit, providing that the maximum number of the official party shall not exceed 15.

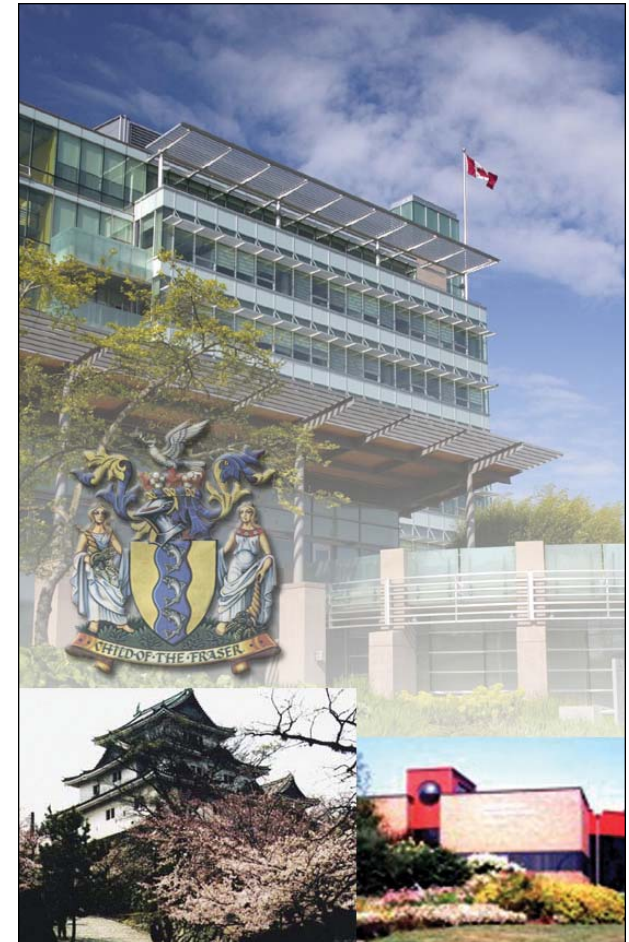
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“Richmond shares many common bonds with its Sister Cities - Wakayama, Japan and Pierrefonds, Quebec - including vibrant heritage, diverse culture and progressive outlooks. For over 30 years, Richmond and its Sister Cities have benefited from a rich relationship of social, cultural, recreational, educational and economic exchanges.”

Malcolm Brodie
Mayor, City of Richmond

The City of Richmond (population 166,500) has established important ties and relationships with the following cities as part of the Sister City Program:



Richmond City Hall

Wakayama City

Wakayama City (population 400,000) is located in Wakayama Prefecture in south-central Honshu Japan. The largest City in the Prefecture, Wakayama City is the site of the Prefectural Government. In addition to being the local centre of cultural and economic activities, Wakayama is one of the major cities in the Kinki District. It is one hour by express train from Osaka and two hours from both Kyoto and Nara.

Wakayama City is the seaport and capital city of the Wakayama Prefecture, south-west of Osaka, Japan. Located on the Inland Sea, Wakayama City is a railroad hub and a manufacturing centre where petroleum, cotton and flannel textiles, and iron and steel are produced. It is surrounded by mountainous areas and vast forests with flat lands open along rivers flowing between mountains and hills. Mainstays of Wakayama agriculture are flowering plants, fruits, vegetables, and Wakayama Prefecture is a major tourist area with seascape beaches and many attractions.

For more information please visit the web site www.wakayama.go.jp.



Wakayama Castle

Pierrefonds

The Cities of Richmond and Pierrefonds became twinned on July 29, 1967. The two cities pledged to promote cultural, tourist, and social and economic exchanges between their residents.

Pierrefonds (population 53,000) is a residential City located on the north-west side of the island of Montreal and is part of the new City of Montreal.

The wide boulevards and modern residential developments that characterize today's Pierrefonds do little to recall its history, which dates back to the early 18th century. The city's history and evolution are intertwined with those of its immediate neighbour, Sainte-Genève.

Pierrefonds extends along Rivière des Prairies on a distance of 28 kilometres and its territory covers 24.4 square kilometres.

City of Pierrefonds has 62 municipal and neighbourhood parks. In June 2000, the City of Pierrefonds was awarded the Innovation in Green Space Management presented within the Healthy Green City contest.

For more information please visit the web site www.ville.pierrefonds.qc.ca.



Pierrefonds City Hall