

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Provost's Sub-Committee of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee****24 June 2015****PROPOSED TWINNING VISIT TO PERTH, ONTARIO – JULY 2016****Report by Gillian Taylor, Head of Democratic Services****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report advises of an invitation extended to the Provost to visit Perth, Ontario from 24 to 26 July 2016 to celebrate Perth, Ontario's 200th anniversary.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 Perth's twinning link with Perth, Ontario dates back to 2001. In 2016, the twinning link will be 15 years old.
- 1.2 Perth, Ontario was founded as a military settlement in 1816, and will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2016.
- 1.3 John Fenik, Mayor of Perth, Ontario, has extended an invitation to the Provost to visit Perth, Ontario from 24 to 26 July 2016 to participate in their Homecoming Event, the biggest event of their 200th anniversary year-long celebrations.
- 1.4 Mayor John Fenik visited Perth in 2010 to participate in the Perth800 celebrations and again in 2012 to participate in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and the first Kilt Run held in Perth.
- 1.5 Provost John Hulbert visited Perth, Ontario in June 2011 and presented the prize to the winner of the second Kilt Run held in Perth, Ontario.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 It is proposed to accept the invitation to visit Perth, Ontario from 24 to 26 July 2016, with the Council being represented by the Provost and the Chief Executive, supported by the Council Officer.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Mayor Fenik has indicated that the year-long celebrations will be a tribute to their 200 years and will include many features that are part of their past. As many of Perth, Ontario's original settlers came from Scotland, he considers it very fitting that the Provost of Perth, Scotland, representing a strong connection to their history, is part of the celebration.

3.2 It is recommended that the Provost's Sub-Committee:

- i. agrees that the invitation to the Provost to visit Perth, Ontario from 24 to 26 July 2016 be accepted; and
- ii. agrees that the Council is represented by the Provost and the Chief Executive supported by the Council Officer.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

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Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	No
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	No
Legal and Governance	No
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	No
Communication	
Communications Plan	No

1. Strategic Implications

1.1 Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

The draft Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2013-2023 sets out five strategic objectives. The proposals in this report support the achievement of these objectives.

1.2 Corporate Plan

Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan 2013-2018 sets out five strategic objectives. The proposals in this report support the achievement of these objectives.

2. Resource Implications - Financial

2.1 Mayor John Fenik has indicated that Perth, Ontario will meet the costs of accommodation during the twinning visit for the Provost, Chief Executive and Council Officer.

2.2 The Chief Executive will travel to Perth, Ontario as part of the official delegation and will meet the cost of her air travel.

2.3 The Civic costs associated with the visit are anticipated to be :

Flights for Provost and Council Officer	£2000
Airport transfers	£ 120
Civic Gifts	<u>£ 400</u>
Total Civic costs	<u>£2520</u>

2.4 This sum will be met from the 2016/2017 twinning budget, subject to budget availability.

2.5 The Head of Finance has been consulted on the financial implications for the proposals and has indicated his agreement.

3. Consultation

3.1 Internal

The Provost and the Chief Executive have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

4.1 Letter of invitation from Mayor John Fenik, Perth, Ontario