

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE: April 10, 2006

SUBJECT: Pugwash Sister City Relationship

SUBMITTING DEPT: City Manager

PREPARED BY: Gary Tomsic

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications ☐, Consent ☐ Committee Reports ☐,
Unfinished Business ☐, New Business ☒ Public Hearing ☐, Standing Committees ☐

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: A delegation of area residents will be attending the Council meeting with a petition asking the Council to initiate the process of establishing a Sister City relationship with the Village of Pugwash, Novo Scotia. The last time this issue came to the Council, the City Manager was directed to explore the question of community interest and commitment to follow through on the responsibilities of having a Sister City. A general public meeting was held to discuss the proposal. About 20 people attended and learned about what it means to have a Sister City and also learned specifically about Pugwash. A second meeting was held to make decisions about moving forward with a presentation to the City Council. There were 14 people at that meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: If the Council agrees, the motion would be to direct the Mayor and City Manager to contact the Village of Pugwash and formally extend to them an invitation to become a Sister City with Blaine. Should they agree, then a formal resolution establishing the Sister City relationship would be presented and adopted by both communities.

FISCAL ANALYSIS Initially there is no financial impact. If we establish a Sister City relationship, the City would probably pay the small cost of joining the International Sister Cities organization.

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager _____ Finance Dir. _____ City Clerk _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled/Deferred ☐ Assigned to: _____

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