

# **POLICY**

POLICY NO: 209 APPROVAL DATE: May 23, 2006

TITLE: Twinning/Sister Communities REVISION DATE:

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**DEPARTMENT:** 

#### POLICY STATEMENT

City Council may enter into an agreement to twin or undertake specific projects with another municipality based on a set of criteria established under the related procedures to evaluate each request for twinning.

## **REASON FOR POLICY**

To create a global network of social or business relationships with communities; to create opportunities to expand and enhance cultural diversity and awareness; to create an international awareness of Grande Prairie's business assets and location benefits; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

## RELATED INFORMATION

This policy will establish guidelines within which twinning or project relationships with other municipalities may be established by the City of Grande Prairie.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

City Council shall make the decision on all twinning and project requests based on a review by Administration pursuant to the related Procedure No. 209•1.

City Council reserves the right to withdraw from any and all twinning and project relationships at any point in time.

### **FUNDING**

Funding to host official delegations is not to exceed \$4,000.00 annually. This amount represents the only City expenditures for these activities. Official travel for the Mayor and Members of Council and Administration regarding twinning shall come from their individual travel accounts.