





Shoreline Sister Cities Program History

1. In 1996, the Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution  [No. 53](#) encouraging the creation of a Shoreline Sister Cities Association.
2. In 2001, the Shoreline Sister Cities Association was formally established.
3. On October 14, 2002, the City Council adopted a Sister Cities Policy via Resolution  [No. 194](#). This policy was later amended by Resolution  [No. 213](#) on April 26, 2004.
4. In March 2003, representatives from the City of Boryeong, South Korea, visited Shoreline to explore the possibility of pursuing sister city relations.
5. On June 9, 2003, the Shoreline City Council passed Resolution  [No. 207](#), designating Boryeong, Korea, as Shoreline's first and only Sister City.
6. From 2006-2009, the City of Shoreline and the Sister Cities Association actively engaged in a number of cultural and educational exchanges with Boryeong City to help strengthen and solidify the sister city relationship:
 - In November 2006, the City of Boryeong hosted a visiting delegation from the City of Shoreline; and in the spring of 2007 the City of Shoreline reciprocated by hosting a Boryeong delegation.
 - In October 2008, the City of Boryeong again hosted a delegation from Shoreline; and in November 2009, the City of Shoreline hosted a delegation from Boryeong.
7. A significant feature of the Sister Cities exchange program was sending Boryeong students to visit Shoreline schools and to live with a local host family during their stay.
8. The City of Shoreline had an alignment with the City of Boryeong in terms of automotive technology development. Shoreline Community College had a state-of-the-art Professional Automotive Training Center (PATC), and the City of Boryeong is home to the Ajou Motor College, a private technical college dedicated to automotive training and technology development.
9. On September 7, 2010, Shoreline Mayor Keith McGlashan sent a letter to the Mayor of Boryeong City stating the City was suspending funding of the sister cities travel budget for a period of 1 year due to the economic climate (fallout from housing crisis of 2008).
10. On April 20, 2012, Shoreline Mayor Keith McGlashan sent another letter to the Mayor of Boryeong City stating there was no allocations to the sister cities travel budget for 2012.

11. 2012-2017 – no sister city activities.

12. On September 8, 2017 - Shoreline City Council removed the Sister City Program section from City's Business Expense Policy. At this Council meeting, there was a majority of Councilmembers who requested the Sister City Program be officially dissolved. (Chris Roberts, Doris McConnell and Keith McGlashan were on Council at the time of this discussion.)

13. 2017-2022 – no sister city activities.

14. March 22, 2023 - Boryeong reached out to Mayor Scully asking if City would be sending a delegation to attend the Mud Festival in July. Pollie, on behalf of the Mayor, sent an email declining the offer stating the suspension of the program.

15. April 6, 2023, Boryeong sent a letter asking if we have plans to restart the sister city exchanges in the future, or if we are considering terminating the sister city agreement.