

International Partnerships Update

Proposed Economic Partnership with Portsmouth, England

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HRM's Partnerships Work

- HRM and other municipalities forge partnerships to forge cultural links, solve problems, deliver services, and forge business connections
- Guided by Administrative Order 2014-003-Gov.
- HRM has three types of partnerships:

1. Economic Partnership

Managed by the Halifax Partnership

2. Friendship Partnership

Hakodate (Japan)(1982), Campeche (Mexico)(1998), Gdynia (Poland)(2019), Norfolk VA (2006)

3. Historic Partnership

Calderdale (Halifax)(UK)(1987), Sherbrooke (Quebec)(1957), Freetown (Sierra Leone)(1994)





Economic Partnerships

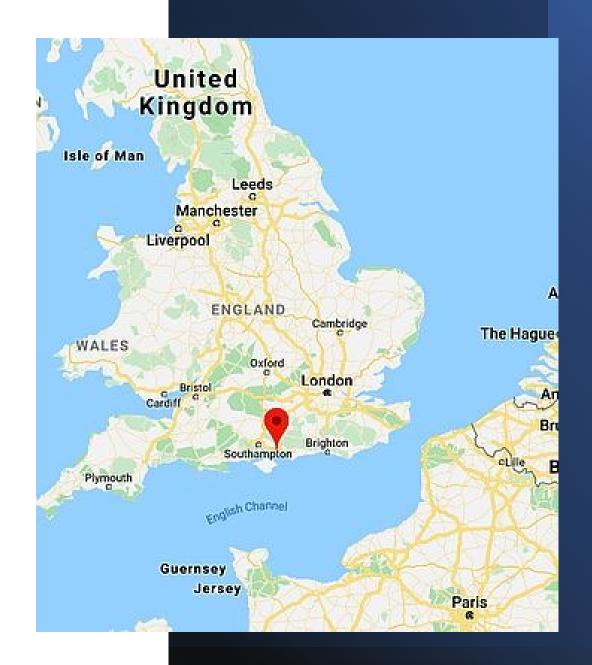
- Managed by the Halifax Partnership
- Formal Economic Partnerships:
 - Aberdeen (Scotland) (2013)
 - Zhuhai (China) (2018)
- Policy stipulates Council will manage no more than five formal economic partnerships at any given time.





Proposed Economic Partnership: Portsmouth, UK - Background

- Portsmouth, UK
- Solent Region (Portsmouth and Southampton)
 - Population -- 1,250,000
 - Major ports along English Channel annual cargo handling of 18 million tons
 - Portsmouth (pop. 238K) Royal Navy, BAE Systems
 - Southampton (pop. 254K) marine and logistics, health, education, finance sectors
 - Economic Development Organization Solent Local Enterprise Partnership



Portsmouth Partnership Rationale

- Similar population (238K) and home to major airports, ports, and industries
- Positive GDP outlook
- Within a county in which the federal government has a relationship
- Establishes a connection to the broader southern UK
- Aligns with the Province of Nova Scotia's focus on growing ocean technology sector and post-Brexit business opportunities





HRM-Portsmouth Ties (2021)

- Halifax-Portsmouth Virtual Trade Mission
- Formal Request from Portsmouth City Council Leader Jackson
- Portsmouth City Council authorizes a formal "sister city" link be established





Questions



