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Huguette- here is our content- if our content isn't on the mark please let me know and we'll keep working on it!

Best,  
Abby

Name of Sister City: Ålesund, Norway (Before 1921, it was written Aalesund)  
History of Sister City: Established in 1986 by Erling Mork and a strong network of Tacoma citizens with Norwegian heritage. Terry Hale was the first chair for the Sister Cities committee.

Facts at a glance:

1. Ålesund became a city in 1848.
2. Ålesund is located in the area of Sunnmøre in the county of [Møre og Romsdal](#). It is situated in the northern region of western Norway, midway between Bergen and Trondheim and is home to Norway's largest cod-fishing fleet.
2. Like Tacoma, is a port Ålesund city with maritime industries, marine research and ship building. The area around Ålesund also has a large furniture industry.
3. After begin destroyed by fire In 1904, Ålesund was rebuilt in Jugendstil- art nouveau- style and is a popular tourist destination for the construction design as well as central location to the fjords and a favorite port of call for cruise ships in the summer.
4. Ålesund is home one of three campuses of the Norwegian University of Science and Techology (1800 students), as well and the Ålesund School of the Arts.
5. The population of Ålesund is approximately 47,199 with Norwegian and English as the most common languages spoken.
6. Ålesund has a mild temperate climate where winters are mild and damp. January is the coldest month of the year.

Presentation of the Sister City:

The Tacoma- Ålesund Sister City committee focuses on fostering grass-roots involvement to maintain and broaden recognition of a mutual heritage and to facilitate strong connections between Ålesund , Norway and Tacoma. We specifically focus on education, culture and common industries.

Leadership: Co-Chairs Abby Wigstrom-Carlson and Lisa Ottoson

Resources:

City Website <http://www.alesund.kommune.no/>

Tourism <https://www.visitalesund.com/>

Downloads (History of Exchanges by year):

2017 Visit to Ålesund hv committee member Kristine Taylor connecting with

2017 Visit to Ålesund by committee member Kristine Taylor connecting with representatives of the mayor's office and visiting the Big Toy dedicated to Ålesund from the Sister Cities committee in 1988.

2017 Visit to Ålesund by committee member Lisa Ottoson

2006 International Music Festival Student Exchange; hosted five musicians who participated in the Youth Symphony event.

1995 Committee member Roni Hale presented the mayor of Ålesund with a gift of blown glass from the Jason Lee artist group working with Chihuly.

1988 A delegation from Tacoma traveled to Ålesund to donate a Big Toy playground structure; the first committee chair Terry Hale gave a speech at the park donating the structure to the city. SAS donated space to fly the big toy over to Norway and Puget Sound Bank was a big contributor to this effort. Western Fish owner John Swanes, the Port of Tacoma Director, along with Erling Mork, Jamie Murray, Chuck Nelson, were also among the delegation.

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Add ons: **We have a short video clip by USB- Lisa Ottoson has the USB drive**