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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 | **6:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on April 26, 2017

The International Relations Committee met at 6:00 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

Present: 10 -
Vice Chair R. Warman - German Twinning
Councillor B. Ward
Major A.B. Battista - Base Borden
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
J. Laking - Japan Twinning
B. Mullen - Georgian College
M. Sachkiw - China Friendship
P. Sachkiw - China Friendship

Absent: 6 -
Chairman D. Morrison
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassador
V. Kompp - German Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Others Present
M. Greer

Staff:
T. Maynard, Committee Support Clerk.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. M. Sachkiw advised that the dates of travel for an adult delegation from the City of Barrie to travel to Murayama, Japan have been confirmed as October 28, 2017 to November 6, 1017.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

The Committee met and discussed the status of the Youth Ambassadors visits as follows:

Murayama, Japan

C. Hewitt provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Ms. Hewitt commented that preparations are taking place for a youth delegation of twelve youths plus two leaders from Murayama, Japan will visit the City of Barrie from July 28, 2017 to August 9, 2017.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman, provided an update regarding the German Twinning. Mr. Warman commented that a delegation comprised on ten official delegates and thirteen citizens will be visiting the City of Barrie from May 3, 2017 to May 10, 2017 in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Certificate. J. Laking and R. Warman provided an outline of the proposed budget for hosting the delegation from Zwéibrücken, Germany.

The Committee approved additional expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee account 01-06-0935-0000-3095 in the amount not to exceed $6,048.00 for costs associated with hosting a delegation from Zwéibrücken, Germany from May 3, 2017 to May 10, 2017.

There was no report provided regarding the German Canadian Club.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate United Kingdom. Mr. Warman commented that the King Edward Choir will be traveling to the Borough of Harrogate from June 29th, 2017 to July 10th, 2017. Mr. Warman noted that B. Sergeant, J.M Pigeon, J. Laking and himself will accompany the King Edward Choir to the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom. Mr. Warman noted that he plans to visit Zwéibrücken, Germany in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Twinning during this same period of time. Mr. Warman commented that J.M. Pigeon accompanied Mayor Lehman during his visit to Zwéibrücken, Germany in April, 2017.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Warman commented that the painting of Sir Robert Barrie is on display in the Mayor and Administration Office at Barrie City Hall. Mr. Warman highlighted that the presentations and unveiling of the portrait of Sir Robert Barrie are scheduled to take place at high schools in Barrie. Mr. Warman commented that progress is being made to obtain a replica of Sir Robert Barrie's uniform circa 1812, his medals and naval swords from England for display at Barrie City Hall.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

There were no comments provided regarding the status of Taizhou, China.

B. Mullen, Georgian College commented that Lu'an Municipality, China is interested in partnering with the City of Barrie. The Committee decided that this matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

B. Crasco and E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. B. Crasco commented that there is new Mayor in Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Crasco advised that he is waiting on a response from Puerto Princesa, Philippines on the status of the proposed twinning relationship. E. Cudanin noted that he has just returned from visiting Philippines and during his stay worked on promoting the twinning relationship between the City of Barrie and Puerto Princesa, Philippines. E. Cudanin indicated that a further update on the status of the proposed twinning relationship will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN