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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 | **6:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 24, 2017

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

Present: 13 - Chairman D. Morrison
Councillor B. Ward
Vice Chair R. Warman - German Twinning
Major A.B. Battista - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassador
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
V. Kompp - German Twinning
J. Laking - Japan Twinning
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate
M. Sachkiw - China Friendship
P. Sachkiw - China Friendship
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Absent: 3 - B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
B. Mullen - Georgian College
L. Palson - Georgian College

Others Present:
M. Greer

Staff:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

The Committee met and discussed the Committee's 2017 budget and anticipated expenditures.

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 for October 29, 2017 to November 7, 2017. D. Morrison, Chair commented that Councillor B. Ward will be traveling to Murayama, Japan as part of the delegation to be the official representative of the City of Barrie. Mr. Morrison indicated that he will provide an update at the next meeting concerning the expenditures.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrucken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock advised that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie will be travelling to Zweibrucken, Germany from June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

Mr. Babcock invited the Committee to attend the Global Presents Event at Innisdale Secondary School on Tuesday May 30, 2017 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Murayama, Japan

C. Hewitt provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Ms. Hewitt commented that preparations are taking place for a delegation of twelve students plus two leaders from Murayama, Japan to visit the City of Barrie from July 28, 2017 to August 9, 2017. M. Greer commented that they are still searching for four homestays families for the delegation.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding German Twinning. Mr. Warman commented that a delegation comprised of ten official delegates and thirteen citizens visited 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. Mr. Warman advised that delegation from Zweibrucken, Germany attended a General Committee meeting on May 8, 2017.

There were no updates regarding German Canadian Club.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate North Yorkshire United Kingdom Update.

Mr. Sergeant commented that the King Edward Choir will be traveling to the Borough of Harrogate from June 29, 2017 to July 10, 2017. He advised that the King Edward Choir has increased their compliment of male singers. He noted that Barb McCann will be taking over the Choir Leadership for the King Edward Choir.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Project. Mr. Sergeant highlighted that as of May 10, 2017 that the Sir Robert Barrie Committee has almost reached their fundraising goal of $35,436.77 for the Sir Robert Barrie Project and the balance of funds remaining is $1,833.43.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

There were no updates regarding Taizhou, China.

LU'AN CITY, CHINA DISCUSSION

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Lu'an City, China. The Committee chose to take no action regarding a possible twinning relationship with Lu'an City china at this time.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin advised that he has a new contact person in Puerto Princesa, Philippines and that correspondence related to the proposed twinning relationship will be presented to the new Council in Puerto Princesa, Philippines for their discussion. Mr. Cudanin commented that he will provide further information at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN