



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

6:00 PM

Huronian Room "A"

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

The International Relations Committee met at 6:07 p.m. in the Huronia Room "A" and the following were in attendance:

Present: 11 - Chairman D. Morrison
Councillor B. Ward
Vice Chair R. Warman - German Twinning
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
B. Mullen - Georgian College
J.M. Pigeon - The Borough of Harrogate
M. Sachkiw - China Friendship
P. Sachkiw - China Friendship
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Absent: 5 - J. Babcock - Youth Ambassador
V. Kompp - German Twinning
J. Laking - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
Base Borden Representative

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Committee's budget. Mr. Morrison has requested each sub-committee provide an update regarding their 2018 commitments to our twin cities/sister city relationships at the next meeting. Mr. Morrison suggested that any final commitments to the twin/sister cities be considered after the 2018 Business Plan approval.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw commented that the trip has now been organized for the delegation from the City of Barrie traveling to Murayama, Japan in October, 2017.

Mr. Sachkiw suggested the purchase of a print of the Sir Robert Barrie painting as an official gift for presentation in Murayama, Japan. The Committee agreed.

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 a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan recently visited the City of Barrie from July 28, 2017 to August 9, 2017 and had a great visit. Ms. Hewitt noted that she has received a number of applications of interest from youth for future youth ambassador exchanges.

Zweibrücken, Germany

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Morrison commented that the youth delegation from the City of Barrie who traveled to Zweibrücken, Germany in May/June, 2017 had a wonderful time during their stay.

Mr. Morrison advised that a youth delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany arrived on September 14, 2017 and will be visiting the City of Barrie for a month. Mr. Morrison commented that the youth delegation provided a presentation at the City Council meeting on September 18, 2017

Mr. Morrison invited the Committee to attend the Goodbye Party for the German delegation on October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. Mr. Sergeant commented that Jean Maurice Pigeon, Rob Warman, Janice Laking along with himself accompanied the King Edward Choir during their visit to the Borough of Harrogate in June/July, 2017. Mr. Sergeant outlined the delegations itinerary and he noted that the delegation had a fantastic time during their stay.

Mr. Sergeant advised that the Borough of Harrogate is interested in participating in the youth exchange with the City of Barrie.

Mr. Morrison suggested that a working group be created to discuss the feasibility and logistics of the potential for a youth exchange between the Borough of Harrogate and the City of Barrie. He requested that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding the German Twinning. Mr. Warman commented that a delegation comprised of Janice Laking, Jean Maurice Pigeon, Bill Sergeant along with himself travelled to Zweibrücken Germany July, 2017 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Twinning relationship between the two cities. Mr. Warman highlighted that Zweibrücken, Germany has named a street in their community the City of Barrie to commemorate the relationship between the two cities.

Mr. Warman commented that a presentation will be taking place at the City Council meeting regarding the Harrogate and Germany visits on November 6, 2017.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee account 01-06-0935-000-3095 in the amount of \$295.00 to be paid to Jean Maurice Pigeon for the purchase of the commemorative tree planted in Zweibrücken, Germany in honour of the 20th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two cities.

There was no report provided regarding the German Canadian Club.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant commented that the construction of the display case for Sir Robert Barrie's uniform circa 1812, his medals and naval swords is nearing completion. Mr. Sergeant advised that there is sufficient funds available in the Sir Robert Barrie Project account to cover the expenditure for the display case.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

There was no report provided regarding Taizhou, China.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin advised that he is waiting on a response from Puerto Princesa, Philippines on the status of the proposed twinning relationship.

ARRAS, FRANCE DISCUSSION

There was no report provided regarding Arras, France.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN