



**Meeting Minutes - Action Only  
International Relations Committee**

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Tuesday, April 2, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee on May 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Morrison at 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

There was no report provided regarding the Committee budget and absences.

**JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE**

M. Sachkiw provided update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw advised that there are no adult citizen exchanges scheduled in 2019 between the City of Barrie and Murayama, Japan.

**YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE**

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

**Murayama, Japan**

J. Gulley provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Mr. Gulley advised that preparations are taking place to host a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan from July 28, 2019 to August 11, 2019. J. Gulley and D. Morrison discussed potential dates to host a Goodbye Party for the youth delegation from Murayama, Japan during July/August, 2019.

D. Morrison advised that the 2018 Barrie Youth Delegation are scheduled to

make a presentation to City Council on April 29, 2019 regarding the Youth Ambassadors Program.

**Zweibrücken, Germany**

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock advised that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie through the Global Perspectives Program will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany between May and June, 2019.

Mr. Babcock commented that twenty-eight youth have been selected to participate in the 2020 Global Perspectives Program.

J. Babcock advised that a youth delegation through the Global Perspectives Program will be travelling to Cuba from April 4, 2019 to April 18, 2019.

**GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE**

R. Warman provided an update regarding the German Twinning. Mr. Warman commented that Lord Mayor Dr. Marold Wosnitza accompanied by his spouse Heike Heb from Zweibrücken, Germany will be making an unofficial visit to the City of Barrie from July 10, 2019 to July 13, 2019.

Mr. Warman advised that preparations are taking place to host an adult delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany in October, 2019

V. Kompp provided an update regarding the German Canadian Club. Ms. Kompp advised that the German Canadian Club are hosting a Pub Night on April 26, 2019

**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 advised that preparations are underway to host the Senior Youth band from Sir John Fisher Catholic School of Harrogate, United Kingdom on July 12, 2019 and during their visit the band is scheduled to play a concert. Mr. Sergeant provided an overview of the bands itinerary during their visit.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed \$2400.00 for costs associated with hosting the Senior Youth Band from Sir John Fisher Catholic High School on July 12, 2019.

**ARRAS, FRANCE**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison commented that he has received an email from a post-secondary school in Arras, France regarding the potential for a twinning relationship between the City of Barrie and Arras, France.

**SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE**

There was no report provided regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN