



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on December 4, 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:

Present: 16 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel N. Singh - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Warman - German Twinning

Absent: 7 - Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
J. Laking - German Twinning
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
Shannon Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided a budget update. Mr. Morrison advised that the Committee's recommendation from October's meeting concerning the creation of an International Relations Committee Reserve fund will be discussed at the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting on November 6, 2019.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw announced that Dave Morrison is the recipient of 2019 Autumn Imperial Decorations, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays award from the Government of Japan in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada. H. Noguchi advised that she nominated Mr. Morrison for the award given his commitments to the relationship between Japan and Canada. Ms. Noguchi discussed the significance of The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays award. Deputy Mayor, B. Ward discussed recognizing Dave Morrison at a future City Council meeting.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM LEGACY FUND UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Legacy Fund for the Youth Ambassadors Program with the Barrie Community Foundation. Mr. Morrison commented that a soft launch of the Legacy Fund for the Youth Ambassadors Program took place in October, 2019. He indicated that he would notify previous participants of the Youth Ambassadors and Global Perspectives Programs who may wish to contribute to the fund.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrücken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock commented that the youth delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany visited the City of Barrie between September and October, 2019. Mr. Babcock advised that the application process will begin soon for those students interested in participating in the 2020 Global Perspectives Program.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Youth Ambassadors Program. Mr. Morrison advised that advertising for the youth ambassadors program will begin in early 2020 for the youth and youth leaders interested in participating in next year's Youth Ambassador Program. Mr. Morrison advised that unfortunately Jeff Gulley, representative of the Youth Ambassador Program has resigned from the Committee.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

There was no report provided regarding German Twinning.

J.M. Pigeon provided an update regarding German Canadian Club. He advised that V. Kompp, representative of the German Canadian Club has resigned from the Committee and that he will provide an update regarding a replacement representative at a future meeting.

Mr. Pigeon commented that the Westside Lutheran Church of Barrie in partnership with the German Canadian Club of Barrie will be hosting a Service of Remembrance on November 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. located at 510 Ferndale Drive North, Barrie.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison commented that he has a meeting with representatives of Arras, France to discuss the potential for the creation of a student exchange program.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant commented that both Jean Maurice Pigeon and himself provided a presentation to École Secondaire Roméo Dallaire School concerning Sir Robert Barrie which included the reproduction of the painting of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS). He noted that the Sir Robert Barrie Committee does still have a few more schools in Barrie to present reproductions of the paintings. Mr. Sergeant advised that the representatives of the Sir Robert Barrie Committee provided a presentation to City Council on November 4, 2019 concerning the painting of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS).

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN