

**Minutes - Final
International Relations Committee**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of
Barrie on June 22, 2016**

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

PRESENT:

Councillor, B. Ward
D. Morrison, Chairperson
C.F.B Borden, Major A. Battista
China Friendship, P. Sachkiw
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Georgian College, B. Mullen
German Twinning, R. Warman
Japan Twinning, J. Laking
The Borough of Harrogate, J. M. Pigeon
The Borough of Harroage, B. Sergeant
Puerto Princesa, Phillipines, E. Cudanin
Youth Ambassador, J. Babcock
Youth Ambassador, C. Hewitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Verena Kompp, German Canadian Club
Jeff Gulley, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

A report was not provided regarding Taizhou, China.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

J.M. Pigeon provided an update regarding the German Twinning. Mr. Pigeon commented that an orchestra band from Zweibrücken Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie from October 11, 2016 to October 21, 2016. He noted that the group will be hosted/sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1626 and the King Edward Choir. Mr. Pigeon noted that the orchestra band from Zweibrücken, Germany will perform at the third annual Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest on October 15, 2016.

V. Kompp of the German Canadian Club commented that there was nothing new to report regarding the German Canadian Club.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE**Murayama, Japan**

C. Hewitt provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Ms. Hewitt commented that preparations are taking place for a delegation consisting of ten youths from the City of Barrie to visit Murayama, Japan from August 16, 2016 to August 30, 2016.

Zweibrücken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock commented that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie through the Global Perspectives Program will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany from May 28, 2016 to June 28, 2016. Mr. Babcock noted that Major A. Battista was an amazing guest speaker at an event held at Innisdale Secondary School and he has received positive feedback.

Mr. Babcock invited the Committee to a "Global Presents" event taking place at the Innisdale Secondary School on May 25, 2016.

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 Bunty Brooks from the King Edward Choir recently traveled to the Borough of Harrogate. Mr. Sergeant noted that the King Edward Choir's dates of visit to the Borough of Harrogate have been scheduled for June 30, 2017 to July 10, 2017. He further noted that the Borough of Harrogate's reciprocal visit will take place in 2018.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant commented that artist Peter Rindlisbach, artist has been commissioned to do a portrait of Sir Robert Barrie. He noted that Mr. Rindlisbach anticipates having the digital sketches available soon.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin commented that the election in Puerto Princesa, Philippines has taken place.

D. Morrison commented that a letter has been prepared for Mr. Cudanin to forward onto Puerto Princesa, Philippines along with the draft twinning certificates.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

The Committee chose to remove the Arras, France Update as an agenda item.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Morrison commented that an official delegation from Murayama, Japan will be arriving in the City of Barrie on July 12, 2016 and will be returning home on July 17, 2016. Mr. Morrison noted that the itinerary is still being finalized and plans are taking place for this delegation to stay with homestay families for three nights.

The Committee approved unanimously the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee account 01-06-0935-0000-3095 for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for the costs associated with hosting the delegation from Murayama, Japan during July, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN