

Minutes - Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on April 24, 2013.

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

Present:

D. Morrison, Chair

Councillor A. Khan

CFB Borden, 16 Wing, Major J-M Pigeon

Georgian College Representative, B. Yang

German Twinning Committee, R. Warman

German Twinning Committee, I. Horne

Japan Friendship Agreement Committee, J. Laking

Japan Friendship Agreement Committee, M. Sachkiw

Puerto Princessa, Philippines Committee, E. Cudanin

Youth Ambassador Committee, P. Sachkiw.

Staff:

Recording Secretary, S. Crawley.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

2013 COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison discussed the budget process for the International Relations Committee.

The Committee discussed potential suggestions for future budgets. .

Councillor Khan suggested that a sub-committee be formed to assist in developing the Committee's budget needs for 2014.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

R. Warman and I. Horne reported that there is no new information to share regarding the German Twinning and German Canadian Club.

J. Pigeon announced that Mr. Eckhart Schiller, a Councillor of the City of Zweibrücken and a friend of the German Canadian Twinning with Barrie, has passed away. An expression of sympathy will be sent from the Committee.

JAPAN TWINNING REPORT UPDATE

There was no update provided.

TAIZHOU, CHINA TWINNING UPDATE

There was no update provided.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

D. Morrison outlined the Global Perspectives Program and informed the Committee that it is difficult to attract participants to the China program. He noted that he is willing to consider students from grades 9-11.

D. Morrison noted that the selection process has been completed for the 2013 Global Perspectives program, and most post-secondary schools are represented. He commented that he will be hosting a presentation during parents' night at Innisdale Secondary School, in the cafeteria on March 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Global Perspectives Program.

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

Taizhou, China

D. Morrison reported that the contacts in Taizhou are happy to receive the Canadian delegation. He noted that Debbie and Eddie Ing will be chaperoning the trip.

Zweibrücken, Germany

D. Morrison reported that Debbie Ing is tentatively scheduled to chaperone the Germany trip.

BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

J. Pigeon informed the Committee that the Barrie Examiner included an article on Howard Porritt. Mr. Pigeon noted that he is working on a display to showcase at City Hall regarding Mr. Porritt.

The Committee discussed the delegation that will travel to the Borough of Harrogate in June, 2013. It was noted that logistical details remain uncertain and are to be determined.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin circulated a tourism package with visual representations of Puerto Princessa.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

CHAIRMAN