



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

6:00 PM

Huronia Room A

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on September 28, 2016

The International Relations Committee met at 6:00 p.m. in the Huronia Room "A" and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

D. Morrison, Chair
China Friendship, P. Sachkiw
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Georgian College, B. Mullen
German Twinning, R. Warman
Japan Twinning, J. Laking
Japan Twinning, H. Noguchi
The Borough of Harrogate, J.M. Pigeon
The Borough of Harrogate, B. Sergeant
Puerto Princesa, Philippines, E. Cudanin
Youth Ambassador, C. Hewitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

J. Gulley, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader
M. Greer, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:**NATIONAL SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE DISCUSSION**

The Committee met and discussed the 2016 National Sister Cities Conference which is scheduled for September 14, 2016 to September 16, 2016. The Committee agreed that D. Morrison and R. Warman should attend the conference as representatives of the International Relations Committee and that the applicable related expenses for the conference (including registration, travel, accommodation and meals) be funded from the International Relations Committee account to a maximum of \$1,500.00 per person for the conference. (Account #01-06-0935-0000-3070)

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Morrison commented that a delegation from Murayama, Japan will be visiting the City of Barrie from July 12, 2016 to July 17, 2016. He noted that the delegates will be staying with host families for two days. Mr. Morrison indicated that he will notify Committee members regarding opportunities to meet the delegation from Japan. Mr. Morrison commented that a reciprocal visit to Murayama, Japan is planned for 2017.

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 the City of Barrie will be traveling to Murayama, Japan from August 16, 2016 to August 30, 2016. M. Greer and J. Gulley, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leaders commented that the youth delegation is organizing a storybook to be presented as their gift in Murayama, Japan. The Committee discussed purchasing a copy of the story for historical purposes.

Zweibrücken, Germany

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Morrison commented that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie Global Perspectives Program will be returning home from Zweibrücken, Germany on June 28, 2016 and are having a great time during their stay.

Mr. Morrison advised that the selection of youths for the 2017 Global Perspectives Program has taken place. He noted that a youth delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie during September/October, 2016.

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. Mr. Pigeon noted that an orchestra band from Zweibrücken, Germany will perform at the third annual Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest on October 15, 2016. He further noted that preparations are taking place for the orchestra band from Zweibrücken, Germany to play a series of concerts at the Army, Navy and Airforce Club.

There was no report provided regarding the German Canadian Club.

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 returned from the Borough of Harrogate. Mr. Sergeant noted that the King Edward Choir's visit to the Borough of Harrogate has 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 the Sir Robert Barrie Project Committee provided a presentation to City Council regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

Mr. Sergeant provided samples of the two draft concept prints of Sir Robert Barrie as prepared by artist Peter Rindlisbacher. He also circulated a brochure related to the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant noted that the Sir Robert Barrie Project Committee met with staff in the Mayor's office to discuss possible locations for the art.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

A report was not provided regarding Taizhou, China.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin outlined correspondence received from Puerto Princesa, Philippines and their interest in working together to forge a partnership between the two Communities. D. Morrison commented that he will assist Mr. Cudanin with the proposed partnership with Puerto Princesa, Philippines.

B. Mullen, Georgian College will contact the Palawan University, Philippines regarding a possible partnership with Georgian College.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN