

**Minutes - Final
International Relations Committee**

Monday, May 14, 2012

8:00 PM

Huronian Room A

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 23, 2012.

The International Relations Committee met at 8:00 p.m. and the following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: D. Morrison, Chair
CFB Borden, 16 Wing, Major J-M Pigeon
China Friendship Agreement, L. LeRoux
China Friendship Agreement, R. LeRoux
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, T. Maynard

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

J. Pigeon commented that the restoration of the totem pole from Zweibrucken, Germany is on-going and anticipates the dedication ceremony for the totem pole will be take place in the fall, 2012.

MURAYAMA JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

D. Morrison commented that he has forwarded correspondence to Murayama, Japan regarding twinning opportunities.

TAIZHOU CHINA TWINNING UPDATE

There was no update provided.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrücken, Germany

D. Morrison commented that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie, through the Global Perspectives Program, in partnership with the Simcoe County District School Board will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany from May 26, 2012 to June 26, 2012.

D. Morrison reported that the selection of youths for the 2013 Global Perspectives Program has taken place.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison noted that there will be a youth delegation from the City of Barrie traveling to Murayama, Japan from August 16, 2012 to August 30, 2012. He indicated that C. Nelson and K. Jacquemain are organizing the youth delegation.

Taizhou, China

D. Morrison stated that there was no update to provide at this time.

BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

J. Pigeon informed the Committee that a response has not been received from the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom regarding the partnership request.

PUERTO PRINCESSA PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin reported that a response has not been received from Puerto Princessa Philippines regarding the partnership request.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.