



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee on March 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Morrison at 6:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 18 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
J. Gulley - Youth Ambassadors
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
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 - Lieutenant-Colonel K. Hewitt - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club
B. Mullen - Georgian College
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning

STAFF:
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. Maynard.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Committee's 2019 budget.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw advised that plans are for a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan to visit the City of Barrie during the summer 2019. Mr. Sachkiw noted that there are no plans in place for an adult delegation from Murayama, Japan to visit the City of Barrie in 2019. Mr. Sachkiw commented that he has provided the Committee with contact information for representatives from Murayama, Japan.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrucken, Germany

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Programs. Mr. Morrison advised that a new group of students participating in the Global Perspectives Program at Innisdale Secondary School began on February 4, 2019. Mr. Morrison commented that the application process for the 2019/2020 Global Perspectives Program has commenced and that the deadline for submissions is February 22, 2019.

Mr. Morrison had discussions with the Committee regarding a fundraising initiative for the Youth Ambassadors/Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Morrison advised that funds raised would be used to assist those students who are unable to participate in the program for financial reasons. The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Morrison.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding German Twinning. Mr. Warman advised that a group of approximately 50 visitors consisting of choir members, musicians and tourists will be visiting from Zweibrucken, Germany during October, 2019. Mr. Warman commented that the itinerary for the delegation still needs to be finalized and that further information regarding expenses will be discussed at a future meeting.

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. He advised that the St. John Fisher Music Tour Band from the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom will be visiting the City of Barrie on July 12, 2019 and during their visit there are plans for the Band to play a concert. Mr. Sergeant noted that the itinerary for the Band still needs to be finalized and that expenses will be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Sergeant commented that there may be the potential for a rugby team exchange between Harrogate and Barrie.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Arras, France. He advised that he has corresponded with Arras, France regarding the potential for youth/adult exchanges between Arras, France and the City of Barrie.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant discussed Phase 3 of the Sir Robert Barrie Project which includes plans to commission a painting of His Majesty's Canadian Ship Barrie (K-138) Flower Class Corvette in action during the Second World War. Mr. Sergeant commented that the artist will be Peter Rindlisbacher.

Mr. Warman discussed the relocation of the one-sixth scale model of the HMCS Barrie currently on display at Downtown Barrie Public Library to City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN