



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on January 21, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair D. Morrison at 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance at the meeting:

Present: 13 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel N. Singh - Base Borden
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors
R. Warman - German Twinning

Absent: 11 - Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
J. Laking - German Twinning
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

T. Maynard, Committee Support Clerk provided a brief overview on the procedural requirements related to the Committee's Reserve Fund.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw, Vice Chair provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw advised that Dave Morrison will be recognized with the 2019 Autumn Imperial Decorations, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays award from the Government of Japan at the City Council meeting to be held on January 13, 2020. Mr. Sachkiw advised that the Consular General of Japan in Toronto, Takako Ito will be in attendance to present the award. He noted that a reception to honour Mr. Morrison will follow the Award Presentation.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed \$1500.00 for costs associated with hosting a reception for Mr. Morrison to be held on January 13, 2020.

D. Morrison left the Chair and the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 6:10 p.m. and M. Sachkiw, Vice-Chair assumed the Chair.

D. Morrison reassumed the Chair at 6:15 p.m.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM LEGACY FUND UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update on the status of the Legacy Fund. Mr. Morrison advised that he will be notifying previous participants of the Youth Ambassadors and Global Perspectives Programs who may wish to contribute to the Fund.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrucken, Germany

D. Morrison, Chair advised that the application process for the 2020/2021 Global Perspectives Program for Innisdale Secondary School will commence in January, 2020.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair advised that preparations are taking place for a youth delegation to travel to Murayama, Japan from August 16 to August 30, 2020 and that the application process for the 2020 Japan Youth Leaders will commence in January, 2020. Mr. Morrison noted that the application process for youth ambassador program participants will commence in April, 2020. Mr. Morrison commented that he is beginning to work with staff in Access Barrie regarding the communication for the Youth Ambassadors Program.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding the German Twinning. He announced that Dieter Neumueller, a representative of a German Twinning Club in Zweibrücken, Germany unfortunately passed away.

There was no update provided regarding the German Canadian Club.

HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. He advised that the King Edward Choir will be traveling to Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom from July 6 to July 13, 2020 and then to Zweibrücken, Germany from July 14 to July 21, 2020.

Mr. Sergeant highlighted that preparations are currently underway to host a rugby team from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom in 2021.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison advised that he is awaiting a response from the representatives in Arras, France regarding a potential twinning relationship.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. He highlighted that donations are still being received for the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.