

# Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

6:00 PM

Huronia Room "A"

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on February 24, 2016

The International Relations Committee met at 6:10 p.m. in the Huronia Room "A" and the following were in attendance:

#### PRESENT:

D. Morrison, Chairperson
China Friendship, P. Sachkiw
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German Twinning, R. Warman
Japan Twinning, H. Noguchi
The Borough of Harrogate, B. Sergeant
Puerto Princessa, Philippines, E. Cudanin
Youth Ambassador, J. Babcock
Youth Ambassador, C. Hewitt.

# **STAFF:**

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur.

# The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

# **SECTION "A"**

# GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

J. Pigeon provided an update regarding the German Twinning Delegation which is scheduled to visit Canada from October 11, 2016 to October 20, 2016. Mr. Pigeon advised that a group of musicians from the delegation named "Die Hofgassler" will be preforming at Oktoberfest on October 15th, 2016.

Mr. Pigeon advised that Ilse Horne has resigned from the International Relations Committee and a new Committee member for the German Twinning will be appointed in the near future.

#### JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

H. Noguchi provided an update concerning the Japan Twinning Delegation from Murayama, Japan and advised that they will be visiting Canada from July 12, 2016 to July 17, 2016. She noted that Mayor Shifu Takao and Councillor Genhasegawa with 10 citizens will be visiting.

# TAIZHOU, CHINA TWINNING UPDATE

A report regarding Taizhou, China Twinning was not provided.

## 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 noted that the leaders for the Murayama, Japan delegation have been chosen and that youth applications will be accepted in March. She also noted that they are looking to fill 12 youth and 3 adult spots for the delegation.

# Zweibrücken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock commented that there has been a lot of interest regarding the youth delegation to Zweibrücken, Germany. He also noted that the deadline for applications is the end of February and that interviews will begin in

March.

# THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

A report regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom was not provided.

# **PUERTO PRINCESSA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE**

J. Morrison, Chair and E. Cudanin provided an update regarding the Puerto Princessa, Philippines relationship. They advised that Georgian College sent a letter of invitation to the Palawan State University and noted that Georgian College and the Palawan State University will be working together in the near future.

## **ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE**

A report regarding Arras, France was not provided.

#### SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT

J. Morrison and R. Warman provided the Committee with background information concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

Mr. Warman advised that a large painting of Sir Robert Barrie, a replica uniform and a display case are to be donated to the City of Barrie.

The International Relations Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

#### **SECTION "B"**

#### SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT

That the Sir Robert Barrie Project, a project initiated through private donations to commission a large painting of Sir Robert Barrie, a replica uniform and display case, be supported and charitable donation receipts be issued to donors based on the understanding that the items will be donated to the City of Barrie when completed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

# CHAIRMAN