

**Minutes - Final  
International Relations Committee**

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 27, 2015.**

**The International Relations Committee met at 6:00 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:**

**Present:**

D. Morrison, Chairperson  
Councillor, A. Khan  
C.F.B. Borden, 16 Wing, Major J.M. Pigeon  
China Friendship, M. Sachkiw  
German Twinning, I. Horne  
German Twinning, R. Warman  
The Borough of Harrogate, P. Sachkiw  
The Borough of Harrogate, B. Sergeant  
Puerto Princessa, Philippines Committee, E. Cudanin  
Puerto Princessa, Philippines Committee, B. Crasco  
Youth Ambassadors Program, J. Babcock  
Youth Ambassadors Program, C. Hewitt.

**Staff:**

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard  
Deputy City Clerk, W. Cooke.

**The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:**

**PRESENTATION - ORIENTATION FOR COMMITTEES**

W. Cooke, Deputy City Clerk provided a presentation regarding an Orientation for the 2014 - 2018 Committee Members.

Ms. Cooke discussed the following topics:

- Understanding Accessible Customer Services;
- City of Barrie Procedure By-law;
- Public Notice - Accountability and Transparency;
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Act;
- Meeting Procedures;
- Chair, Committee and Staff Responsibilities
- Reporting Structure for the International Relations Committee; and
- Decision Making Process.

#### **SELECTION OF CHAIR**

The Committee met and discussed the selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2014 - 2018 term. D. Morrison was selected as Chair and R. Warman was selected as Vice-Chair.

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Committee met and discussed the meeting schedule for the 2014 - 2018 term and determined that the Committee would meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

#### **GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT**

R. Warman provided an update regarding German Twinning noting there are plans for a tourist group of 10 to 12 delegates from Zweibrücken, Germany to visit the City of Barrie in early Fall, 2015. I. Horne provided an update regarding the German Canadian Club, and advised that she is the president of the German Canadian Club in Barrie.

#### **JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE**

D. Morrison commented that there is nothing new to report at this time.

#### **TAIZHOU, CHINA TWINNING UPDATE**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Taizhou, China. He noted that it is Taizhou, China's turn to send a delegation to visit the City of Barrie. Mr. Morrison suggested investigating too see if there is interest from citizens of the City of Barrie to visit Taizhou, China.

**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. P. Jackson, 2014 Murayama Youth Leader noted that the youth delegation that travelled to Murayama, Japan during the Summer 2014 was a great group. She noted that they were shown an excellent time during their stay in Japan. Ms. Jackson also commented that the group, in conjunction with a group at Georgian College were asked to share their experience in Japan.

Ms. Hewitt commented that there are plans for a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan to visit the City of Barrie during the Summer 2015. She noted that the dates of the visit and the number of youths are still to be determined. She commented that the 2014 Murayama Youth Leaders (P. Jackson, M. Murphy and herself) will plan for their arrival.

**Taizhou, China**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Taizhou, China. He noted that a decision has been made to cancel the youth ambassador trip to Taizhou, China that was scheduled for the summer 2015 as there were not enough applications received. Mr. Morrison commented that it has been challenging trying to communicate with youth about the Youth Ambassador Program. The Committee discussed using the various social media outlets to promote the Youth Ambassador Program.

**Zwèibrücken, Germany**

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock commented that a youth delegation from Zwèibrücken, Germany visited the City of Barrie during the Fall, 2015 and that they were an excellent group. He also commented that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie through the Global Perspectives Program will be travelling to Zwèibrücken Germany from May 21, 2015 to June 21, 2015. Mr. Babcock noted that the selection of youths for the 2016 Global Perspectives Program has taken place.

**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 plans are taking place for an official delegation consisting potentially of Sir Thomas Ingilby the Right Honourable Mayor, Mayoress of the Borough of Harrogate, Councillor Jim Clark, Councillor Shirley Fawcett, Mr. Michael Newby (former Mayor) and Mr. John Wood, Head Teacher (Principal) of St. Aidans Church of England High School in Harrogate are scheduled to visit the City of Barrie from June 30th, 2015 to July 7th, 2015. Mr. Sergeant noted that these people are key figures from Harrogate for determining future exchanges between Barrie and the Borough of Harrogate.

Mr. Sergeant explained that Jennifer Rushton a direct descendant of Sir Robert Barrie will be returning to the City of Barrie on June 27, 2015 and staying in the area until July 4, 2015.

**PUERTO PRINCESSA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE**

E. Cudanin provided an update on the possible twinning with Puerto Princessa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin suggested winter as the best time for a delegation to visit Puerto Princessa, Philippines. B. Crasco commented that he has plans to travel to Philippines in May, 2015 and will try and get a further update from Puerto Princessa, Philippines on the status of the proposed twinning.

**The Committee adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**