



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

6:00 PM

Huronia Room "A"

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on March 29, 2017

The International Relations Committee met at 6:00 p.m. in the Huronia Room "A" and the following were in attendance:

- Present:** 10 - Chairman D. Morrison
Councillor B. Ward
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassador
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
V. Kompp - German Twinning
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate
M. Sachkiw - China Friendship
P. Sachkiw - China Friendship
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Warman - German Twinning
- Absent:** 6 - Major A.B. Battista - Base Borden
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
J. Laking - Japan Twinning
B. Mullen - Georgian College
L. Palson - Georgian College

Others Present:

J. Gulley
M. Greer

Staff:

T. Maynard, Committee Support Clerk

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:**JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE**

H. Noguchi and M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. H. Noguchi and M. Sachkiw advised that they anticipate that an adult delegation from the City of Barrie will be traveling to Murayama, Japan in October, 2017. The Committee discussed the proposed dates of travel and who will form the delegation.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zwéibrücken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. J. Babcock advised that application submission deadline for the 2018 Global Perspectives program is February 24, 2017.

Mr. Babcock advised that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie will be travelling to Zwéibrücken, Germany from June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Mr. Morrison anticipates that a youth delegation of twelve from Murayama, Japan will be visiting the City of Barrie during Summer, 2017

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

J.M. Pigeon and R. Warman provided an update regarding the German Twinning. J.M. Pigeon advised that a delegation from Zwéibrücken, Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie from May 3, 2017 to May 10, 2017 in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning certificate.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee account 01-06-0935-0000-3095 in an amount not to exceed \$1500.00 for costs associated with airfare travel for Jean Maurice Pigeon to accompany Mayor Lehman during his visit to Zwéibrücken, Germany in April, 2017.

V. Kompp provided an update regarding the German Canadian Club. Ms. Kompp highlighted upcoming events hosted by the German Canadian Club.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate United Kingdom. Mr. Sergeant commented that an adult delegation which includes the King Edward Choir will be traveling to the Borough of Harrogate from June 29, 2017 to July 10, 2017. He advised that the Choir would be performing during their visits. Mr. Sergeant highlighted that a ceremony at the Stonefall Cemetery in Harrogate has been scheduled for July 2, 2017 in honour of the over 600 members of the Royal Canadian Airforce who are buried there, including Flying Officer William Howard Porritt, from Barrie.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant highlighted that four reproductions of the Sir Robert Barrie painting have now been completed and they will be used as gifts during the Twinning exchanges with the Borough of Harrogate, Zwéibrücken, Germany as well as one will be presented to Barrie North Collegiate in September, 2017. Mr. Sergeant discussed that a case to display the replica of Sir Robert Barrie's uniform circa 1812, his medals and navel swords still needs to be constructed.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the status Taizhou, China relationship and he noted that no response has been received. Mr. Morrison provided the Committee with an update regarding a possibility of another twinning relationship in China.

The Committee chose to take no action regarding a possible twinning relationship with Lu'an City, China at this time.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

B. Crasco provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. B. Crasco commented that he would follow up with the new Mayor of Puerto Princesa, Philippines on the status of the proposed twinning relationship.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN