



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated October 2, 2019.

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

- Present:** 20 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. 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
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
Shannon Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors
R. Warman - German Twinning
- Absent:** 5 - Lieutenant-Colonel N. Singh - Base Borden
Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"**HARROGATE WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

D. Morrison, Chair provided an overview concerning the World Cycling Championship in Harrogate, United Kingdom in September, 2019. He advised that Deputy Mayor, B. Ward has been invited to attend this event.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed \$2,000.00 to cover costs associated with Deputy Mayor, B. Ward travels to Harrogate, United Kingdom to represent the City of Barrie at the World Cycling Championship beginning on September 21, 2019.

YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM (YAP) LEGACY FUND INITIATIVE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) Legacy Fund Initiative. D. Morrison advised that he felt it has become more difficult to fundraise for the youth ambassador program and that by creating a "Youth Ambassadors/Global Legacy Fund" through the Barrie Community Foundation it would provide for opportunities for other interested parties to donate to the youth ambassador program.

D. Morrison provided the Committee with the background of Barrie Community Foundation and Community Foundations in Canada.

Deputy Mayor, B. Ward noted he would ask for an Item for Discussion at the September 9, 2019 General Committee meeting concerning the signing of the agreement.

The Committee asked a number of questions related to the Youth Ambassadors Legacy Fund.

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

SECTION "B"

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A LEGACY FUND FOR THE YOUTH
AMBASSADOR'S PROGRAM WITH THE BARRIE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement with the Barrie Community Foundation to establish a Legacy Fund for the Youth Ambassadors Program in a form acceptable to the Director of Legal Services.

This matter was recommended to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2019-10-02.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

REPLENISHMENT OF GIFTS FOR EXCHANGE PURPOSES

The Committee met and discussed replenishing the inventory of gifts used for potential exchange purposes.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 500900 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the purchase of gifts to be used for potential future exchanges.

COMMITTEE BUDGET DISCUSSION

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Committee Budget. D. Morrison noted that costs associated with transportation and programming related to International delegations have increased over the years. D. Morrison discussed the potential for the Committee to have a reserve account to be used for International delegations and that this matter would be discussed at a future meeting.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. M. Sachkiw advised that there are plans to invite an adult delegation from Murayama, Japan to visit Barrie in 2021 and then a reciprocal visit to Murayama, Japan in 2022.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair commented that a youth delegation from Japan visited Barrie between July 28, 2019 and August 11, 2019. Deputy Mayor, B. Ward showcased the gift "The Gourd" received from the Murayama, Japan youth delegation. Deputy Mayor, B. Ward advised that he will be making a gift presentation to City Council on September 16, 2019. D. Morrison, thanked Georgian College and especially Kenta Shirakura who assisted in providing interpreters to assist with the Japanese youth delegation.

D. Morrison, welcomed to the Committee Shannon Scully-Pratt as a youth ambassador representative and Kenta Shirakura as a Georgian College representative.

Zweibrücken, Germany

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. J. Babcock commented that youth delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie between September 12, 2019 and October 10, 2019.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed \$10,000 for transportation and goodbye party costs associated with hosting a youth delegation from Germany between September 12, 2019 to October 10, 2019.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. B. Sergeant commented that thirty six members of the St. John Fisher Youth Band visited Barrie on July 12, 2019. B. Sergeant highlighted that during the Youth Band's visit they played a concert at Meridian Place. B. Sergeant thanked Bunty Brookes and Jean Maurice Pigeon for coordinating the activities for the youth bands visit.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Arras, France. L. Palson, Georgian College commented that staff at Georgian College recently met with the University of Artois in Arras, France to discuss the potential for a partnership with the college.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. B. Sergeant advised that the one-sixth scale model ship has now been relocated from the Downtown Barrie Public Library to City Hall. B. Sergeant commented that the painting of His Majesty's Canadian Ship Barrie (K-138) Flower Class Corvette in action during the Second World War has been drafted by the artist Peter Rindlisbacher.

Mr. Sergeant thanked Rob Warman and Joe Rockburne for coordinating the relocation of the model ship to City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

CHAIRMAN