



Final
International Relations Committee

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee
on March 1, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison 6:05 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 16 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Absent: 7 - C. Byles-Ho - Youth Ambassadors
C. Cudmore - Arras France
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard

The International Relations Committee met and discussed the following:

SECTION "A"

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Jamie Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program at Innisdale Secondary School. He advised that students from Zweibrucken, Germany will be arriving in Barrie for a month beginning on September 29, 2022. Mr. Babcock mentioned that a Goodbye Party for the Germany delegation is being planned for October and that he will notify the Committee members when the date has been finalized.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee budget not to exceed \$5,000.00 to help offset hosting costs related to the Global Perspectives Program and the 2022 youth delegation from Zweibrucken, Germany.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee budget of \$4,746.00 to be paid to Hammond Transportation for transportation cost associated with the 2022 youth delegation visit from Zweibrucken, Germany.

Shannon Scully Pratt provided an update concerning the Youth Ambassadors Program. She advised that unfortunately the Moving Arts will not be participating in a youth exchange with Harrogate, United Kingdom.

Ms. Scully Pratt advised that she has been working Ciaran Byles-Ho to update the Youth Ambassadors brochure and application form.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Tammie Maynard, Committee Support Clerk provided an update concerning the Committee's budget.

Dave Morrison, Chair indicated that Hammond Transportation have changed their trip policies and now request payment at the time of scheduling a bus.

Mr. Morrison suggested that a representative for the Youth Ambassadors Legacy Fund should be included in the composition of the Committee. Mr. Morrison advised that proposed changes to the composition of the International Relations Committee will be forwarded to staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department.

Dave Morrison left the Chair at 6:08 p.m. and Mark Sachkiw assumed the Chair.

LEGACY FUND UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the Youth Ambassador Legacy Fund and the contract with the Barrie Community Foundation. He discussed the intent of the Legacy Fund and advised that costs associated with hosting delegations have increased.

Mr. Morrison described the challenges of fundraising for the Legacy Fund during the pandemic. He suggested the potential of donating the balance of the Committee's 2022 budget to the Youth Ambassador Legacy Fund.

The Committee members asked a number of questions of Mr. Morrison related to the Legacy Fund. The Committee agreed with donating the balance of the 2022 International Relations Committee budget to the Legacy Fund.

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

SECTION "B"

YOUTH AMBASSADORS LEGACY FUND AND THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE BUDGET

That all unallocated funds from the 2022 International Relations Committee budget be donated at end of calendar year as a one-time grant to the Youth Ambassadors Legacy Fund in light of their efforts to restart their fundraising campaign that was halted due to the COVID pandemic.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/1/2023.

Dave Morrison assumed the Chair at 6:15 p.m.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WEBSITE UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the International Partners Website. He advised that changes to information on the International Partners Website should be directed to Ciaran Byles-Ho.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. He anticipates that a youth delegation from Barrie will be traveling to Murayama, Japan and that an adult delegation from Murayama, Japan will be visiting Barrie during summer of 2023.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

Jean Maurice Pigeon advised that an adult delegation visiting from Zweibrücken, Germany left Barrie on September 14, 2022 and during their stay attended a dedication ceremony of a granite bench in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two cities.

HARROGATE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Louise LeRoux provided an update concerning Harrogate, United Kingdom. She advised that there are plans to host a U16 Rugby Team from Harrogate, United Kingdom during the summer of 2023.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair discussed potential opportunities for creating citizen exchanges with Arras, France.

Mark Sachkiw advised that he plans to meet with representatives of Arras, France while they are visiting Montreal, Quebec.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Sergeant advised that there was nothing to report concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN