



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on October 6, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Morrison at 6:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 14 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel N. Singh - Base Borden
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoïn - Arras France
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors
R. Warman - German Twinning
- Absent:** 10 - Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
J. Laking - German Twinning
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Committee Support Clerk, N. Walsh.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

No further update was provided regarding the Committee's budget.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 for an amount not to exceed \$140.00 to cover costs associated to a luncheon attended by members of the Committee and a family member of Sir Robert Barrie.

GIFTS FOR EXCHANGE PURPOSES

P. Sachkiw provided an update concerning possible gift ideas to purchase for exchange purposes during international delegations.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed \$2000.00 for costs associated with purchasing gifts for future exchange purposes.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw, Vice-Chair provided an update regarding the Japan Twinning. He advised that a reception was held on January 13, 2020 after D. Morrison, Chair received the 2019 Autumn Imperial Decorations, named the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays Award at City Council.

Mr. Sachkiw noted that Committee members were invited to the Annual Emperors Ball in Toronto. He advised that the Ball was a well-attended event and a great experience.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrücken, Germany

P. Sachkiw provided an update regarding the interviews that took place associated to the chaperones to accompany the Youth Ambassadors

Delegation to Zweibrücken, Germany in the Summer of 2020.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. He noted various concerns, from parents and students in travelling to Murayama, Japan associated to the COVID-19 virus.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding the German Twinning. He announced that J. Pigeon will be travelling to Germany to promote Barrie during the 75th anniversary of VE Day and that the King Edward Choir will also be travelling to Germany during the summer, 2020.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed \$5000.00 for costs associated with travel expenses to Germany in 2020.

There was no update provided regarding the German Canadian Club.

HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. Mr. Sergeant requested that a representative from the City of Barrie attend the VE Day ceremonies taking place in Harrogate. The Committee advised they will reach out to a few candidates and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison advised that he has been discussing a potential twinning relationship with representatives in Arras, France and Barrie North Collegiate.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

CHAIRMAN