



City of Barrie

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Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on November 16, 2021.

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

- Present:** 15 - 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
C. Cudmore - 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
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors
R. Warman - German Twinning
- Absent:** 8 - B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
J. Laking - German Twinning
K. Shirakura - Georgian College

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Supervisor of Enterprise Applications, J. Mastroianni.

BARRIE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WEBSITE

Ciaran Byles-Ho provided an update on the Barrie International Partners website and a live demonstration of the site. He advised that final revisions are being made and then will be forwarded to staff in Information Technology Department for their review and input.

John Mastroianni, Supervisor of Enterprise Applications advised that the website looks great in his opinion and that he will be working with staff in Human Resources to ensure it meets the standards under the *Accessibility with Ontarians Disabilities Act* and City Policies.

Mr. Morrison requested permission from the International Relations Committee's Sub-Committee Chairs to add their contact information on the Barrie International Partners website and received responses from the Chair's in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Morrison advised that he had provided members of Council with a preview of the Barrie International Partners website and received positive feedback.

Mr. Morrison anticipates the website to be completed by November, 2021 and launched in January, 2022.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair and Tammie Maynard, Committee Support Clerk provided an update concerning the Committee's budget. He reminded the Committee members to submit their International Relations Committee expenditures prior to December 31, 2021.

The Committee approved the balance of the honorarium payment in the amount of \$1500.00 to be paid to Ciaran Byles-Ho upon the completion of the Barrie's International Partners website and includes any updates to meet the standards of the *Accessibility with Disabilities with Ontarians (AODA) Act* and City Policies. Mr. Morrison advised that he will notify staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department when the website has been completed to process the payment for Mr. Byles-Ho.

The Committee discussed the possibility of purchasing the airfare tickets in 2021 for the adult delegation to travel to Zweibrücken, Germany in May, 2022 to celebrate the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two Municipalities. Rob Warman and Jean Maurice Pigeon advised that they would explore transportation/airfare costs for the delegation and report back to the Committee.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the International Relations cost centre 1026 500900 in an amount up to \$9,000.00 for transportation/airfare costs associated with an adult delegation traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany between May 4, 2022 to May 12, 2022 to commemorate the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the City of Barrie's twinning relationship with Zweibrücken, Germany.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. Mr. Sachkiw and Hiromi Noguchi advised that they do not anticipate any adult or youth exchanges in 2022 between the City of Barrie and Murayama, Japan as the border crossing is closed in Japan due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Shannon Scully-Pratt advised that there is no report to provide concerning youth ambassador program with Murayama, Japan.

Jamie Babcock advised that there is no report to provide concerning the Global Perspectives Program and youth exchange with Zweibrücken, Germany.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

Rob Warman provided an update regarding Zweibrücken, Germany. He advised that May, 2022 will mark the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the City of Barrie's twinning relationship with Zweibrücken, Germany. Mr. Warman advised that to commemorate the milestone plans are taking place to send an adult delegation from Barrie to Zweibrücken, Germany between May 4 to May 12, 2022 with a reciprocal visit scheduled between September 4 to September 12, 2022.

HARROGATE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Bill Sergeant advised that there was no report to provide concerning Harrogate, United Kingdom.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair advised that there was no report to provide concerning Arras, France. Cathy Cudmore advised that she is searching for a staff member at Barrie North Collegiate to participate in upcoming youth exchanges with Arras, France.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT

Bill Sergeant advised that there was no report to provide concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

2022 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee discussed the meeting schedule for 2022 and decided that the Committee would continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

CHAIRMAN