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Minutes - Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 | **6:00 PM** | **Huronia Room "A"**

For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee on October 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dave Morrison. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Chairman D. Morrison
Councillor B. Ward
Vice Chair R. Warman - German Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel B. Nekurak Base Borden
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
V. Kompp - German Twinning
M. Sachkiw - China Friendship
P. Sachkiw - China Friendship
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Absent: 5 - J. Babcock - Youth Ambassador
J. Laking - Japan Twinning
B. Mullen - Georgian College
L. Palson - Georgian College
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair commented that the status of Committee's budget will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw commented that a delegation from the City of Barrie will be traveling to Murayama, Japan from October 28, 2017 to November 8, 2017. He advised that during their stay they will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Friendship agreement between the two cities. Mr. Sachkiw highlighted the delegations itinerary for their visit in Murayama, Japan.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrucken, Germany

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Morrison commented that a youth delegation from Zweibrucken, Germany visited the City of Barrie in September/October, 2017.

Mr. Morrison commented that the Butcher Shoppe did an amazing job catering the goodbye party for the youth delegation on October 10, 2017.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Mr. Morrison commented that it is anticipated that a delegation from the City of Barrie will be traveling to Murayama, Japan for two weeks in August, 2018. D. Morrison discussed that he was reviewing a possible application process for a call for future youth ambassador leaders. The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Morrison.

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 and D. Morrison commented that in 2018, the International Relations Committee will welcome two delegations from North Yorkshire, United Kingdom. He advised that one of the delegations will be on the return leg of last year's very successful adult exchange, and that other will be an effort to create a new Youth Ambassadors exchange. These two groups will be hosted simultaneously which will provide some organizational convenience to the delegation. Mr. Sergeant and Mr. Morrison highlighted the potential cost savings of hosting both delegations at the same time.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding German Twinning. Mr. Warman commented that there is not an adult delegation at this time, but a youth delegation is planned for 2018.

V. Kompp commented that there was nothing new to report regarding the German Canadian Club.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant commented that it is anticipated that the display case for the Sir Robert Barrie's Uniform will be installed in November, 2017.

R. Warman commented that the Sir Robert Barrie Project Committee presented reproductions of the Sir Robert Barrie painting to three high schools in Barrie.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee account 01-06-0935-0000-3095 in the amount up to $400.00 for the purchase of three 16x20 reproductions of the Sir Robert Barrie painting to be used as gifts for potential future exchanges.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

There was no report provided regarding Taizhou China

PUERTO, PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin commented that there was nothing new to report regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines.

ARRAS, FRANCE DISCUSSION

There was no report provided regarding Arras, France.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN