



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services on June 5, 2018

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

- Present:** 9 - Chairman D. Morrison
Councillor B. Ward
Vice Chair R. Warman - German Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassador
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
B. Mullen - Georgian College
L. Palson - Georgian College
M. Sachkiw - China Friendship
P. Sachkiw - China Friendship
- Absent:** 7 - Lieutenant-Colonel B. Nekurak Base Borden
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
V. Kompp - German Twinning
J. Laking - Japan Twinning
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

STAFF:

Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. Maynard
Deputy City Clerk, J. Carswell.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Committee's Budget. Mr. Morrison discussed concerns related to 2017 twinning expenditures that were not invoiced to the City of Barrie until 2018 and the effects this has on the Committee's 2018 budget.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw commented that an invitation has been forwarded to Murayama, Japan to invite an adult delegation to visit the City of Barrie in 2018. D. Morrison, Chair suggested that in the event that Murayama, Japan is unable to send a delegation to visit the City of Barrie in 2018 that it would be beneficial to not host another delegation until 2020.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Zweibrücken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock discussed that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany for a month beginning on May 24, 2018.

Mr. Babcock invited the Committee to attend "Global Presents" at Innisdale Secondary School on May 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The event will showcase the students' works from the semester.

Mr. Babcock advised that the youth delegation through the Global Perspectives Program traveled to Cuba in April, 2018

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Mr. Morrison advised that twelve youths from the City of Barrie have been selected to travel to Murayama, Japan from August 16 to August 30, 2018. Mr. Morrison announced that the adult leaders for the youth delegation will be Paul Dunn and Lea Lawson.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman advised that there are no adult exchanges scheduled for 2018 between Zweibrücken, Germany and the City of Barrie but potentially in 2019.

There was no report provided regarding German Canadian Club.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. He commented that plans are taking place to host a combined adult and youth band simultaneously from Harrogate United Kingdom from July 31, 2018 to August 9, 2018. Mr. Morrison advised that the itinerary for the delegation is action packed and the youth band will performing at numerous events during their visit.

Mr. Morrison discussed the difficulties trying to locate host families for the youth band from Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom and he was looking for assistance from the Committee.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Warman commented that the Sir Robert Barrie Project Committee will be presenting a reproduction of the Sir Robert Barrie painting to Barrie North Collegiate on May 16, 2018

R. Warman advised that construction of the display case for the Sir Robert Barrie's uniform circa 1812, his medals and naval swords is almost complete.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair advised that there was nothing new to report regarding Taizhou, China.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

B. Crasco provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Crasco commented that he is working with Georgian College and State College, Philippines regarding a potential partnership between the two colleges.

ARRAS, FRANCE DISCUSSION

D. Morrison, Chair advised that there was nothing new to report regarding Arras, France and that he will follow up with Mayor Lehman.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN