



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on February 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by J. Carswell, Deputy City Clerk at 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 18 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel K. Hewitt - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
J. Gulley - Youth Ambassadors
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Absent: 6 - G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club
B. Mullen - Georgian College
L. Palson - Georgian College
R. Warman - German Twinning

STAFF:

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

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION - ORIENTATION FOR COMMITTEES

J. Carswell, Deputy City Clerk provided a presentation regarding an Orientation for the 2018 - 2022 Committee Members.

Mr. Carswell discussed the following topics:

- Council and Committee Code of Conduct;
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Act;
- City of Barrie Procedural By-law;
- Public Notice - Accountability and Transparency;
- Meeting Procedures;
- Chair, Committee and Staff Responsibilities;
- Decision Making Process;
- Reporting Structure for the International Relations Committee;
- Terms of Reference for the International Relations Committee;
- A sample International Relations Committee Report; and
- Understanding Accessible Customer Service.

SELECTION OF CHAIR

The Committee met and discussed the selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2018-2022 term. D. Morrison was selected as Chair and M. Sachkiw was selected as Vice-Chair.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee met and discussed the meeting schedule for the 2018-2022 term and determined that the Committee would meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

J.M. Pigeon provided an update regarding Zweibrücken, Germany. Mr. Pigeon commented that Lord Mayor (Oberbürgermeister) of Zweibrücken, Professor Dr. Marold Wosnitza was sworn into office on the December 20th, 2018 to replace the former Lord Mayor Kurt Pirmann who passed away in 2018 while in office.

Mr. Pigeon advised that Projekt 03 choir from Zweibrücken, Germany is scheduled to visit Barrie from October 3 to October 12, 2019 and that the main host group is the King Edward Choir. Mr. Pigeon noted that there will be a group of approximately 50 visitors from Germany which will consist of choir members, musicians and tourists. He indicated that the majority of visitors will be privately billeted and some will stay in local hotels.

Mr. Pigeon commented that a reciprocal visit by the King Edward Choir to Zweibrücken, Germany and to the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom are planned for 2020.

J.M. Pigeon announced that Zweibrücken, Germany will be celebrating 60 years of formal twinning with the French city of Boulogne-Sur-Mer in the Pas de Calais. He advised that 60th Anniversary celebrations are scheduled in Zweibrücken, Germany from June 7 to June 10, 2019.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw advised that Murayama, Japan will be sending a youth delegation to visit the City of Barrie during summer, 2019. Mr. Sachkiw advised of the potential for a citizens exchange with Murayama, Japan in 2021.

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 Programs. Mr. Babcock advised that students in the Global Perspectives Program will be traveling to Cuba in February, 2019. Mr. Babcock advised that the application process for the 2019/2020 Global Perspectives program has commenced and that the deadline for submissions is February 22, 2019. He noted that information regarding the Global Perspectives Program is available at www.youthambassadors.barrie.ca.

Mr. Babcock indicated that a youth delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie from September 12 to October 10, 2019.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. He advised that a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan will be visiting the City of Barrie during summer 2019 and will be hosted by the 2018 Youth Ambassadors Programs students and leaders.

D. Morrison indicated that a fundraising initiative regarding the Youth Ambassadors Program will be discussed at a future meeting.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. He advised that a Band from Harrogate will be visiting Toronto in July, 2019 and during their stay would like to have an opportunity to visit Barrie. D. Morrison noted that he has received an interest from a rugby team in Harrogate regarding the potential exchange with Barrie.

Mr. Sergeant advised that plans are for the King Edward Choir to travel to Harrogate in 2020, with plans for a reciprocal visit by Harrogate to Barrie in 2021.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Arras, France. D. Morrison advised that he met with two youth groups in Arras, France during his visit in October, 2018 to discuss the potential for youth exchanges with Barrie. Mr. Morrison commented that Remembrance Day ceremonies in both Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom and Arras, France were amazing.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant discussed Phase 3 of the Sir Robert Barrie Project which includes plans to commission a 3'x4' painting of His Majesty's Canadian Ship Barrie (K-138) Flower Class Corvette in action during the Second World War. Mr. Sergeant commented that Phase 3 of the Sir Robert Barrie Project also includes the relocation of the one-sixth scale model of HMCS Barrie currently on display in the Downtown Barrie Public Library to City Hall. Mr. Sergeant advised that the Sir Robert Barrie Committee will provide information regarding fundraising initiatives for Phase 3 of the Sir Robert Barrie Project at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CHAIRMAN