



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

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Tuesday, October 1, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated November 6, 2019**

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

**Present:** 15 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France  
Lieutenant-Colonel N. Singh - Base Borden  
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate  
C. Cudmore - Arras France  
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning  
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning  
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  
Shannon Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors  
R. Warman - German Twinning

**Absent:** 10 - Deputy Mayor B. Ward  
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning  
Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden  
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors  
J. Gulley - Youth Ambassadors  
I. Jodoin - Arras France  
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning  
J. Laking - German Twinning  
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club  
L. Palson - Georgian College

**STAFF**

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. Maynard

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke.

**SECTION "A"**

That the International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

**COMMITTEE BUDGET DISCUSSION**

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Committee's Budget. Mr. Morrison suggested creating a reserve fund for the International Relations Committee. Mr. Morrison commented that each year the amount of activity between our international partners can differ but since the expansion of Harrogate, United Kingdom and Arras, France there seems to have been an increase in activity that could potentially have an effect on the Committee's budget.

W. Cooke, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services provided a historical background related to the Committee's budget between 2015 and 2018. Ms. Cooke discussed the City's policies associated with creating reserve funds.

The Committee discussed and agreed that creating a reserve fund and that the reserve fund be capped at a maximum of \$20,000.

That the International Relations Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

**SECTION "B"****RESERVE FUND - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. That an International Relations Committee reserve fund be established and any unused funds at the end of each calendar year from the IRC Budget be put in the reserve account.
2. That the Reserve Fund be capped at a maximum of \$20,000.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "C"**

### **LEGACY FUND FOR THE YOUTH AMBASSADOR'S PROGRAM WITH THE BARRIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Legacy Fund for Youth Ambassadors Program with the Barrie Community Foundation. Mr. Morrison commented that the agreement has now been signed with the Barrie Community Foundation. Mr. Morrison advised that any withdrawals related to the Legacy Fund for the Youth Ambassadors Program will require the approval of the Committee. Mr. Morrison highlighted that a soft launch of the Legacy Fund for the Youth Ambassadors Program took place on October 1, 2019 and that he would notify previous participants of the Youth Ambassadors and Global Perspectives Programs who may wish to contribute to the fund.

### **JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE**

There was nothing to report regarding Japan Twinning.

### **YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE**

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

#### **Murayama, Japan**

D. Morrison, Chair commented that a youth delegation from Japan visited Barrie between July 28, 2019 and August 11, 2019.

#### **Zweibrücken, Germany**

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Morrison advised that a youth delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany are currently visiting the City of Barrie until October 10, 2019. Mr. Morrison invited the Committee to attend the Goodbye Party for the youth delegation on October 8, 2019 at Innisdale Secondary School beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### **GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE**

There was no report provided regarding the German Twinning and German Canadian Club.

**THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE**

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. Mr. Sergeant advised that Deputy Mayor, B. Ward is currently visiting Harrogate, United Kingdom to attend the World Cycling Championship.

B. Sergeant commented that there is a potential for an exchange with a rugby team from Harrogate, United Kingdom and that he will provide further information at a future meeting.

**ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Arras, France. C. Cudmore commented that a colleague at her school is exploring options related to the potential for a youth exchange with Arras, France.

**SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE**

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant advised that the painting by the artist Peter Rindlisbacher of His Majesty's Canadian Ship Barrie (K-138) Flower Class Corvette in action during the Second World War has been delivered to the City of Barrie. Mr. Sergeant commented that reproductions of the painting will be produced by Don Komarechka Photography.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN