



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on January 21, 2020.

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

Present: 18 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel N. Singh - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors
R. Warman - German Twinning

Absent: 6 - Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
J. Laking - German Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Committee's Budget and Reserve Fund. T. Maynard, Acting Deputy City Clerk provided a brief overview on the procedural requirements related to the Committee's reserve fund.

GIFTS FOR EXCHANGE PURPOSES

P. Sachkiw provided an update on the gifts that have been purchased for exchange purposes.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw advised that Dave Morrison will be recognized with the 2019 Autumn Imperial Decorations, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays award from Government of Japan at the City Council meeting scheduled for January 13, 2020. Mr. Sachkiw advised the Consular General of Japan from Toronto, Takako Ito will be in attendance at the City Council meeting on January 13, 2020 for the award presentation and that there will be a reception to follow the ceremony.

The Committee approved the absences of H. Noguchi and G. Johnston from meetings until May, 2020.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM LEGACY FUND UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update on the status of the Legacy Fund. Mr. Morrison advised that 2020 he will be notifying previous participants of the Youth Ambassadors and Global Perspectives Programs who may wish to contribute to the fund.

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 advised that the application process will begin soon for those students interested in participating in the 2020 Global Perspectives Program and that the deadline for applications will be end of February, 2020.

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Youth Ambassadors Program. Mr. Morrison advised that advertising for the youth ambassadors program will begin in early 2020 and that the deadline for applications will be end of March, 2020. Mr. Morrison commented that plans are for a youth delegation to travel to Murayama, Japan from August 16 to August 30, 2020.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

There was no report provided concerning 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 thanked Deputy Mayor, B. Ward for hosting visitors from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom in November, 2019.

B. Brookes advised that the King Edward Choir will be traveling to Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom from July 6 to July 13, 2020 and then Zweibrücken, Germany from July 14 to July 21, 2020.

L. LeRoux commented that there are preparations underway to host a rugby team from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom in 2021.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison indicated that there is a potential interest from Barrie North Collegiate to participate in student exchanges with Arras, France.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project and the status of the presentations of the reproduction of paintings to schools in Barrie.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN