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PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GERMAN AND HARROGATE TWINNING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES.

Former Mayor Janice Laking and Bill Sergeant representatives of the German and Harrogate Twinning Subcommittees of the International Relations Committee provided a presentation regarding the recent activities to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the twinning relationship with Zweibrücken, Germany.

Ms. Laking commented that 2017 marked the 20th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the City of Barrie and Zweibrücken, Germany. Ms. Laking highlighted that the relationship between the two cities has been very successful.

Mr. Sergeant discussed slides regarding the following topics:

- A historical background of the twinning relationship with Zweibrücken, Germany and overview of the 2017 official delegations visits between the two cities;
- A picture illustrating Mayor Lehman presenting a reproduction of the Sir Robert Barrie painting to Mayor Franzen of Zweibrücken, Germany during his visit in 2017;
- A picture illustrating the delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany during their visit to Barrie in May, 2017;
- A picture illustrating the delegation from the City of Barrie visit to Zweibrücken, Germany in July, 2017;
- A picture illustrating the presentation of the Zweibrücken Medal of Honour to Jean Maurice Pigeon; and
- Pictures illustrating the delegation and street sign from Zweibrücken, Germany named in honour of the City of Barrie entitled "Barrie Strasse" during visit in July 2017.

Ms. Laking and B. Sergeant presented Mayor Lehman with a duplicate street sign from Zweibrücken, Germany entitled "Barrie Strasse", 20th Anniversary glass trophy and the German newspaper with an article highlighting the delegations' visit in July 2017.

Mayor Lehman thanked Former Mayor Janice Laking, Rob Warman, Jean Maurice Pigeon and Bill Sergeant for their commitment to the successful twinning relationship. Mayor Lehman commented that it was a great honour to be able to visit Zweibrücken, Germany in May, 2017. Mayor Lehman noted that due to the success of the relationship between the two cities that many youth from the City of Barrie have been able to experience the culture and rich history of Germany.