

Minutes - Final
International Relations Committee

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

6:00 PM

Huronian Room A

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of
Barrie on April 27, 2016**

**The International Relations Committee met at 6:00 p.m. in the Huronia Room
"A" and the following were in attendance:**

PRESENT:

Councillor, B. Ward
German Twinning, R. Warman, Vice-Chair
China Friendship, P. Sachkiw
China Friendship, M. Sachkiw
The Borough of Harrogate, J. Pigeon
The Borough of Harrogate, B. Sergeant
Puerto Princessa, Philippines, E. Cudanin
Youth Ambassador, J. Babcock
Youth Ambassador, C. Hewitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Verena Kompp, German Canadian Club
Jeff Gulley, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader
Meagan Greer, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - GERMAN TWINNING

The Committee met and discussed the appointment of Verena Kompp to the International Relations Committee as a representative of the German Twinning Sub-Committee to replace Ilse Horn.

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

SECTION "B"

GERMAN TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1. That Verena Kompp be appointed as the representative of the German Twinning Sub-Committee to replace Ilse Horn on the International Relations Committee.
2. That Schedule "A" of By-law 2014-171 be amended to reflect the changes. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/27/2016.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

J. Pigeon provided an update regarding the German Twinning delegation which is scheduled to visit Barrie from October 11, 2016 to October 21, 2016. Mr. Pigeon did note that the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church will be assisting with the delegation during their stay in Barrie.

V. Kompp provided an update concerning the German Canadian Club. Ms. Kompp commented that she is currently working on an update for the German Canadian Club's Facebook page.

JAPAN TWINNING COMMITTEE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw outlined the names of the delegates who are scheduled to visit from Murayama, Japan from July 12, 2016 to July 17, 2016. .

Mr. Sachkiw noted that the itinerary for the delegation is being finalized and he will provide further information at a future meeting.

TAIZHOU, CHINA TWINNING UPDATE

There was no report provided regarding Taizhou, China Twinning.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Murayama, Japan

C. Hewitt provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Ms. Hewitt commented that preparations are taking place for a youth delegation from the City of Barrie to visit Murayama, Japan from August 16, 2016 to August 30, 2016.

C. Hewitt introduced Meagan Greer as the new 2016 Youth Ambassador leader. Ms. Hewitt noted that ten youth ambassador's applications have been received.

Zweibrücken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock commented that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie through the Global Perspectives Program will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany from May 28, 2016 to June 28, 2016. Mr. Babcock noted that this same youth delegation is currently visiting Cuba and will be returning to the City of Barrie on April 21, 2016.

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 commented that there are plans for the King Edward Choir to travel to the Borough of Harrogate in 2017. He noted that the dates and locations for the visit are being finalized.

B. Sergeant commented that the City of Barrie's Twin Information Signage which recognizes the City's current twinning/sister relationship has not been updated to reflect the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom as a Twin City. Councillor B. Ward commented that he will follow up with staff in the Mayor's Office about the signage and will provide an update at a future meeting.

Mr. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Art Project during the Borough of Harrogate Update. Mr. Sergeant commented that Peter Rindlisbach, artist has been commissioned to do a portrait of Sir Robert Barrie. He noted that digital sketches will be available soon.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin reviewed the City of Puerto Princesa letter dated July 14, 2015 which included a draft memorandum of understanding concerning fortifying sisterhood partnership between the City of Barrie and Puerto Princesa. Mr. Cudanin asked the Committee to provide direction on how he should pursue with in the partnerships between the two Countries.

The Committee suggested preparing a draft twinning certificate with a reference to promoting the twinning relationship between the City of Barrie and Puerto Princesa. The Committee also suggested that the draft twinning document be forwarded from the Chair of the International Relations Committee with reference to our friends in Puerto Princesa for their response.

The Committee lost quorum at 6:35 p.m. and the balance of the agenda items will be carried over to the next meeting.