



Minutes - Final
International Relations Committee

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 3, 2019

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

Present: 15 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel K. Hewitt - Base Borden
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
J. Gulley - Youth Ambassadors
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Absent: 10 - Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
J. Laking - German Twinning
B. Mullen - Georgian College
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
R. Warman - German Twinning

STAFF:

T Maynard, Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE UPDATES

There was no report provided regarding Committee Budget.

T. Maynard, Co-ordinator of Elections and Specials Projects provided an update regarding the Council and Committee Member Code of Conduct.

COMMITTEE ABSENCES

The Committee approved the long term absence of J. Laking.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw advised that there was nothing new to report regarding Japan Twinning.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Murayama, Japan

J. Gulley provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Mr. Gulley advised that preparations are taking place to host a youth delegation comprised of ten youths and two leaders from Murayama, Japan from July 20, 2019 to August 12, 2019.

Zweibrücken, Germany

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Morrison advised that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany between May/June 2019 and that fall, 2019 dates are being finalized for a reciprocal visit for a youth delegation from Germany.

D. Morrison advised that a youth delegation through the Global Perspectives Program will be traveling to Cuba from April 4, 2019 to April 18, 2019.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

J.M. Pigeon provided an update regarding German Twinning. Mr. Pigeon advised that preparations are underway to host an adult delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany from October 3, 2019 to October 11, 2019. Mr. Pigeon noted that further information will be provided at a future meeting.

V. Kompp advised there was nothing new to report regarding the 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 preparations are underway to host the St. John Fisher Music Tour Band from the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom on July 12, 2019 and during their visit there are plans for the Band to play a concert. Mr. Sergeant discussed a potential concert venue for the St. John Fisher Music Tour Band.

R. LeRoux commented that he is waiting on a response from Harrogate regarding the potential of a rugby team exchange between our two cities.

ARRAS, FRANCE

D. Morrison, Chair commented that there is nothing new to report regarding Arras, France.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant advised that the Sir Robert Barrie Committee is waiting on artist Peter Rindlisbacher to provide a concept of design for the painting of His Majesty's Canadian Ship Barrie (K-138) Flower Class Corvette in action during the Second World War.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN