



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

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Tuesday, September 18, 2018

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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### For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on February 5, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dave Morrison at 6:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 10 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France  
Councillor B. Ward  
Vice Chair R. Warman - German Twinning  
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors  
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines  
J. Laking - German Twinning  
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate  
M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning  
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning  
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
- Absent:** 6 - Lieutenant-Colonel B. Nekurak Base Borden  
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines  
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador  
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club  
B. Mullen - Georgian College  
L. Palson - Georgian College

#### **STAFF:**

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

**COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE**

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update of the Committee Budget as of September, 2018.

The Committee discussed the increase of costs associated to their expenses, such as bus fees and gifts for the delegations and commented on the possibility of the budget needing to be increased for 2019.

**JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. He advised that plans are to host a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan in 2019 and then send an official invitation for an adult delegation to visit the City of Barrie in 2020. He noted that it is preferred to host adult and youth delegations during separate times.

**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 commented that the youth delegation from the City of Barrie who traveled to Zweibrücken, Germany in May/June, 2018 had a great visit. Mr Babcock advised that a youth delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany arrived in the City of Barrie on September 13, 2018 until October 10, 2018.

Mr. Babcock invited the Committee to attend the Goodbye Party at Innisdale Secondary School for the German delegation on October 9, 2018 at 6:00pm.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee account 01-06-0935-0000-3095 for an amount not to exceed \$3800.00 for the Transportation and Goodbye party costs associated with hosting the youth delegation visiting from Zweibrücken, Germany from September 13, 2018 to October 10, 2018.

**Murayama, Japan**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. He advised that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie traveled to Murayama, Japan during August, 2018. He commented that the youth delegation had a great time during their stay despite the extreme heat conditions in Japan and that the youth leaders were awesome.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee account 01-06-0935-0000-3095 in the amount of \$372.90 for one-way transportation costs associated with the youth delegation who traveled to Murayama, Japan from August 16, 2018 to August 30, 2018.

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

R. Warman provided an update regarding German Twinning. Mr. Warman advised that there are plans for a choir from Germany to visit the City of Barrie in 2019.

There was no report provided regarding the German Canadian Club.

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

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. Mr. Sergeant commented that a combined adult/youth delegation from the Borough of Harrogate visited the City of Barrie from July 31, 2018 to August 9, 2018 and had an excellent time during their stay. Mr. Sergeant advised that expenses related to hosting the delegations were well below the budget amount approved by the Committee.

#### **SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE**

There was no report provided regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

#### **TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE**

D. Morrison advised that he will be meeting with staff in Mayor's office to discuss the status of the relationship with Taizhou, China

#### **PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE**

B. Crasco provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Mr. Crasco advised that he is still waiting on a response from Puerto, Princesa, Philippines on the status of a proposed twinning relationship.

#### **ARRAS, FRANCE DISCUSSION**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison discussed that plans are taking place to formalize a partnership between the two cities.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

CHAIRMAN