



**Minutes - Final
International Relations Committee**

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

6:00 PM

Huronia Room A

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of
Barrie on November 23, 2016**

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

Present: 11 - Chairman D. Morrison
Councillor B. Ward
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassador
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
V. Kompp - German Twinning
M. Sachkiw - China Friendship
P. Sachkiw - China Friendship
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Warman - German Twinning
B. Mullen - Georgian College

Absent: 5 - Major A.B. Battista - Base Borden
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
J. Laking - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate

ALSO PRESENT:

J. Gulley, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader
M. Greer, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader

STAFF:

T. Maynard, Committee Support Clerk

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:**NATIONAL SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE UPDATE**

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the National Sister Cities Conference. Mr. Morrison commented that he received notification that the National Sister Cities Conference has been postponed until April, 2017.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Morrison commented that an adult delegation from Murayama, Japan visited the City of Barrie in July, 2016 and had an excellent time during their visit.

Mr. Morrison anticipates that an adult delegation from the City of Barrie will be invited to make a reciprocal visit to Murayama, Japan in 2017.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Murayama, Japan

M. Greer and J. Gulley, 2016 Youth Ambassadors Leaders provided an update regarding the City of Barrie's youth delegation visit to Murayama, Japan during August, 2016. M. Greer and J. Gulley commented that the youth delegation had a fantastic time during their stay. M. Greer showcased the storybook the City of Barrie youth delegation organized and presented in Murayama, Japan as a gift. A copy of the storybook was provided to the Committee for historical purposes.

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 visited Zweibrücken, Germany from May 28, 2016 to June 28, 2016 and had a great time during their stay.

J. Babcock advised that a delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie from September 22, 2016 to October 22, 2016.

D. Morrison commented that the German delegation will be making a presentation to City Council on October 3, 2016 and that he invited the Committee members to attend.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN TWINNING CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

R. Warman and V. Kompp provided update regarding German Twinning and the German Canadian Club.

R. Warman commented that the "Die Hofgassler" Orchestra Band from Zweibrucken, Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie from October 11, 2016 to October 21, 2016 and during their stay they will be playing at two concerts, as follows:

- October 15, 2016 - Knights of Columbus Barrie 1626 3rd Annual Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance located at the Holy Spirit Parish Hall
- October 16, 2016 - German Twinning Committee and the German Canadian Club of Barrie will be hosting a concert at the Army, Navy, Air Force Club.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant commented that there was nothing new to report regarding the Borough of Harrogate North Yorkshire United Kingdom.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT

B. Sergeant and R. Warman provided an update regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

B. Sergeant commented that the portrait of Sir Robert Barrie has been completed by the artist Peter Rindlisbacher and is in possession of the City of Barrie. B. Sergeant suggested possible locations for the artwork to be displayed and the Committee provided their feedback.

R. Warman highlighted that a cabinet is being manufactured to display a replica of Sir Robert Barrie's uniform circa 1812, his medals and naval sword.

TAIZHOU, CHINA UPDATE

There was nothing new to report regarding Taizhou, China.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princesa, Philippines. E. Cudanin commented he has not received any response to his correspondence dated March 31, 2016 regarding a proposed twin city friendship agreement between the two communities. D. Morrison noted that he will provide Mr. Cudanin with sample travel itineraries used for other visiting delegations.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN