

Minutes - Final
International Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

6:00 PM Innisdale Secondary School 95 Little Ave. Portable 10

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 27, 2015.

The International Relations Committee met at 6:00 p.m. at Innisdale Secondary School, 95 Little Avenue, Portable 10 and the following were in attendance:

Present:

D. Morrison, Chairperson
Councillor A. Khan
C.F.B. Borden, 16 Wing, Major J.M. Pigeon
China Friendship, M. Sachkiw
German Twinning, I. Horn
Japan Twinning, J. Laking
The Borough of Harrogate, P. Sachkiw
The Borough of Harrogate, B. Sergeant
Puerto Princessa, Philippines Committee, E. Cudanin
Youth Ambassadors Program, J. Babcock.

Staff:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee met and discussed proposed Committee membership changes.

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

SECTION "B"

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENTS

1. That the following changes to the membership of the International Relations Committee, be approved:
 - a) To the Georgian College representative L. Palson adding or their designate; to the Georgian College.
 - b) To the Base Borden representative by adding Major A.B. Battista or their designate and removing J.M. Pigeon's name;
 - c) To the Japan Twinning, by removing L. LeRoux and replacing it with H. Noguchi;
 - d) To the China Program, by adding P. Sachiw as an alternate; and
 - e) To replace P. Sachiw with J. M. Pigeon to the Borough of Harrogate Program.
2. That Schedule 'A' of By-law 2015-018, be amended to reflect these changes.

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/27/2015.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

J.M. Pigeon provided an update on German Twinning. He commented that a delegation from Zwéibrücken, Germany will be visiting the City of Barrie from August 24, 2015 to September 4, 2015. He noted that the majority of the delegates will be privately billeted with a few delegates staying in hotels at their own expense.

J.M. Pigeon extended an invitation to the Committee to participate on a bus trip to Parry Sound on August 28, 2015 with the delegation from Zwéibrücken, Germany. Mr. Pigeon noted that he will provide the Committee with further details.

I. Horn commented that she has no update regarding the German Canadian Club.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

There was no report provided.

TAIZHOU, CHINA TWINNING UPDATE

There was no report provided.

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 a youth delegation from the City of Barrie through the Global Perspectives Program will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany from May 21, 2015 to June 21, 2015. Mr. Babcock noted that the Global Perspectives students are preparing for their "Global Presents" event being held at Innisdale Secondary School.

Japan Twinning Report

H. Noguchi provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Ms. Noguchi commented that she has received confirmation from Murayama, Japan that a youth delegation of six delegates plus two chaperones are planning to visit the City of Barrie from July 27, 2015 to August 8, 2015.

Taizhou Twinning Report

There was no update provided.

BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. He commented that an official delegation of five delegates will be visiting the City of Barrie from June 30th, 2015 to July 7th, 2015. Mr. Sergeant commented that an itinerary has been drafted and that preparations for their visit are on-going.

B. Sergeant explained that the dates for the visit of Jennifer Rushton who is a direct descendent of Sir Robert Barrie and Neil Rushton have been changed to June 29th to July 7th, 2015.

J.M. Pigeon and B. Sergeant commented that they met with Mayor Lehman and discussed the idea of having a portrait commissioned of Sir Robert Barrie and his ship, the HMS Dragon. Mr. Pigeon noted that he has researched and located an artist interested in doing the portrait. J.M Pigeon commented that he is researching the process for receiving public donations for the Sir Robert Barrie portrait.

The Committee discussed the possibility of having a Barrie school named in honour of Sir Robert Barrie.

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

SECTION "D"

NAMING OF A SCHOOL - SIR ROBERT BARRIE

The International Relations Committee recommends that City Council consider submitting a letter to the Simcoe County District School Board requesting permission to name the new South Barrie Secondary School as Sir Robert Barrie.

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/27/2015.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

PUERTO PRINCESSA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding Puerto Princessa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin commented that Mr. Don and Mrs. Ruth Miraflores from Puerto Princessa, Philippines are scheduled visit to Texas in July, 2015. He noted that he will extend an invitation to Mr. Don and Mrs. Ruth Miraflores from Puerto Princessa, Philippines to visit the City of Barrie during July, 2015. E. Cudanin stated that he will forward Councillor A. Khan details about their visit.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Councillor Khan commented that he has not received any additional information about Arras, France.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN