



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final

### International Relations Committee

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Tuesday, October 6, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services on  
November 17, 2020

**Present:** 17 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France  
Deputy Mayor B. Ward  
Lieutenant-Colonel C. Coulbeck - Base Borden  
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors  
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate  
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning  
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning  
I. Jodoin - Arras France  
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate  
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate  
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning  
L. Palson - Georgian College  
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning  
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning  
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate  
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors  
R. Warman - German Twinning

**Absent:** 6 - Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning  
C. Cudmore - Arras France  
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning  
L. Lalonde - Arras France  
J. Laking - German Twinning  
K. Shirakura - Georgian College

**STAFF:**

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The Committee met and reports as follows:

#### **COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE**

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the Committee's 2020 Budget.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed \$3000.00 for costs associated with the purchasing of gifts for future exchange purposes. They noted that this expenditure is in addition to the \$2,000.00 previously approved by the Committee on March 3, 2020.

The Committee discussed the anticipated expenditures related to the 2021 International Relations Committee Budget.

The Committee acknowledged the difficulties the world is facing with the COVID-19 pandemic and that limited international activities are anticipated with the City's twinning/partnerships in 2021. The Committee discussed the possibility of expenditures related to the City's twinning/partnerships in 2021 would be approximately \$20,000 as there is the potential for both arms of the youth ambassador's program to get underway in 2021.

Mr. Morrison advised that he will update the Legislative and Court Services Department concerning the Committee's 2021 anticipated expenditures.

#### **JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE**

P. Sachkiw provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Ms. Sachkiw advised that with Japan scheduled to host the Olympics in 2021 there will be no adult exchanges scheduled with Murayama, Japan until 2022.

#### **YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE**

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

##### **Zweibrücken, Germany**

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. He advised that the COVID-19 pandemic has altered the Global Perspectives Program at Innisdale Secondary School resulting in the cancellation of the youth delegation visiting Zweibrücken, Germany in September, 2020. Mr. Babcock noted the potential of the youth delegation visiting Zweibrücken, Germany in September, 2021 depending on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Babcock advised that Innisdale Secondary School is looking at alternative arrangements for students enrolled in the Global Perspectives Program and are awaiting approval from the Simcoe District School Board.

**Murayama, Japan**

S. Scully-Pratt provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. She advised that there are plans to send a youth delegation to Murayama, Japan in 2021 depending on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Scully-Pratt inquired whether any virtual options are available for the youth ambassador programs. D. Morrison, Chair suggested that Ms. Scully-Pratt investigate potential virtual options and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

**GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE**

R. Warman advised that he does not anticipate any adult exchanges with Zweibrücken, Germany in 2021.

Mr. Warman discussed 2022 will mark the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the City of Barrie and Zweibrücken, Germany and that plans to celebrate the occasion are being discussed.

**HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE**

B. Sergeant provided an update regarding Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. Mr. Sergeant advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic he does not anticipate any adult exchanges with Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom until 2022.

**ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE**

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding the status of Arras, France. Mr. Morrison advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic he does not anticipate any student exchanges with Arras, France until 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN