



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

6:00 PM

Huronian Room A

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services of the City of Barrie on
April 27, 2016**

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

PRESENT:

D. Morrison, Chairperson
C.F.B. Borden, Major A. Battista
China Friendship, P. Sachkiw
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German Twinning, R. Warman
The Borough of Harrogate, J. Pigeon
The Borough of Harrogate, B. Sergeant
Puerto Princessa, Philippines, E. Cudanin
Youth Ambassador, J. Babcock
Youth Ambassador, C. Hewitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Verena Kompp, German Canadian Club
Jeff Gulley, 2016 Youth Ambassador Leader.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:**GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT**

J. Pigeon introduced Verena Kompp, the youngest Director of the German Canadian Club to the Committee. Ms. Kompp commented that the German Canadian Club just started a Facebook page to try and promote and increase participation in the club.

J. Pigeon provided an update regarding the German Twinning delegation which is scheduled to visit the City of Barrie from October 11, 2016 to October 20, 2016. Mr. Pigeon advised that a group of musicians from the delegation will be performing at the third Annual Oktoberfest on October 15th, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw provided an update regarding the Japan Twinning delegation from Murayama, Japan. He advised that the Japan Twinning delegation will be visiting Canada from July 12, 2016 to July 17, 2016. He noted that preparations are taking place for the delegation of three officials and ten citizens to visit the City of Barrie.

TAIZHOU, CHINA TWINNING UPDATE

D. Morrison commented that there is nothing new to report regarding Taizhou, China Twinning.

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 28, 2016 to June 28, 2016.

Mr. Babcock noted that the selection process is now complete for the 2017 Global Perspectives Program.

Murayama, Japan

C. Hewitt provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Ms. Hewitt commented that preparations are taking place for a youth delegation from the City of Barrie to visit Murayama, Japan from August 16, 2016 to August 30, 2016. Ms. Hewitt noted that youth ambassador's applications have been distributed to various locations throughout the City of Barrie. J Gulley commented that they have been using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to try and promote and increase participation in the program

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 commented that there are plans for the King Edward Choir to travel to the Borough of Harrogate in 2017 which will be considered the first official cultural exchange visit. Mr. Sergeant noted that Bunty Brooks from the King Edward Choir has plans to travel to the Borough of Harrogate next month and during her stay will try to schedule the dates for a visit by the Choir for 2017.

PUERTO PRINCESSA, PHILIPPINES UPDATE

E. Cudanin provided an update regarding the status of the proposed twinning with Puerto Princessa, Philippines. Mr. Cudanin commented that the election in Puerto Princessa, Philippines has taken place. He noted that he will move forward with the proposed twinning process. D. Morrison suggested to investigate what would be the best travel season in the Philippines.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

R. Warman commented that he has not received any update regarding Arras, France and that he will follow up with staff in the Mayor's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.