City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | **6:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee on June 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, D. Morrison at 6:01 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

Present: 15 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
R. Warman - German Twinning

Absent: 11 - Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
Lieutenant-Colonel K. Hewitt - Base Borden
Major C. Bellemare-Whiting - Base Borden
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
J. Gulley - Youth Ambassadors
L. Lalonde - Arras France
J. Laking - German Twinning
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club
B. Mullen - Georgian College
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L.Palson - Georgian College

STAFF:
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. Maynard
Manager of Traffic and Parking Services, S. Rose.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

CITY OF BARRIE TWIN/FRIENDSHIP CITIES SIGNAGE DISCUSSION

The Committee met and discussed the Twin/Friendship Cities Signage. D. Morrison, Chair discussed the status of Barrie's International Partnerships. D. Morrison commented that the design of the current twin/friendship cities signage is not accessible and does not include Barrie's two new international partnerships of Arras, France and Harrogate, United Kingdom.

S. Rose, Manager of Traffic and Parking Services provided an overview of the Twin/Friendship Cities Signage. Mr. Rose commented that there are approximately twenty-three Twin/Friendship Cties signs in Barrie and that there would be costs associated with updating the signage.

The Committee provided suggestions to Mr. Rose related to the City of Barrie's Twin/Friendship Cities signage.

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

SECTION B"

CITY OF BARRIE TWIN/FRIENDSHIP CITY SIGNAGE

1. That consideration be given to update the City of Barrie Twin/Friendship City signage to include Arras, France and Harrogate, United Kingdom.
2. That staff in Roads, Parks and Fleet be requested to update and reinstall the Twin/Friendship City signage.

This matter was recommended to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2019-06-05.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Committee met and discussed the purchase of gifts to be used for exchange purposes.

The Committee approved the expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre 1026 500900 in an amount not to exceed $250.00 for the purchase gifts to be used for exchange purposes when the youth delegation through the Global Perspectives Program travels to Zweibrücken, Germany during May/June, 2019

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Committee's Budget.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

There were no updates provided concerning the Japan Twinning.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

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

Murayama, Japan

D. Morrison, Chair provided an update regarding Murayama, Japan. Mr. Morrison advised that preparations are underway to host a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan for two weeks in August, 2019. He noted that the delegates consist of ten youths and two leaders. Mr. Morrison commented that the dates of visit still need to be finalized. Mr. Morrison highlighted that Murayama, Japan is going through their selection process in May, 2019 for those youth who will participate in the youth delegation to visit the City of Barrie during summer, 2019.

Zweibrücken, Germany

J. Babcock provided an update regarding the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock advised that a youth delegation from the City of Barrie through the Global Perspectives Program will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany between May and June, 2019.

J. Babcock advised that a youth delegation through the Global Perspectives Program travelled to Cuba from April 4, 2019 to April 18, 2019.

Mr. Babcock invited the Committee to attend "Global Presents" at Innisdale Secondary School on May 23, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. The event will showcase the students' works from the semester.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding the German Twinning. Mr. Warman commented that Lord Mayor Dr. Marold Wosnitza accompanied by his spouse Heike Heb from Zweibrücken, Germany will be making an unofficial visit to the City of Barrie from July 10, 2019 to July 13, 2019.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed $1500.00 for costs associated with hosting the Lord Mayor, Dr. Marold Wosnitza and spouse Heike Heb between July 10 to July 13, 2019.

Mr. Warman advised that preparations are underway to host an adult choir from Zweibrücken, Germany from October 3, 2019 to October 11, 2019.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee cost centre #1026 660200 not to exceed $12,000.00 for costs associated with hosting an adult choir from Zweibrücken, Germany between October 3, 2019 to October 11, 2019.

R. Warman advised that Jean Maurice Pigeon has been selected as the new president of the German Canadian Club. J.M. Pigeon advised that the German Canadian Club are hosting a Pub Night on June 21, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Berczy Street, Barrie, ON.

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 advised that preparations are underway to host the Senior Youth Band from Sir John Fisher Catholic School of Harrogate, United Kingdom on July 12, 2019 and during their visit the band is scheduled to play a concert. Mr. Sergeant provided an overview of the Bands itinerary.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison advised that he has received information from a University in Arras, France regarding a potential partnership with Georgian College.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

B. Sergeant provided the Committee with background information concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project entitled “The HMCS Project”. Mr. Sergeant advised that the Sir Robert Barrie Project Committee has undertaken a fundraising initiative to raise funds associated with a large commissioned oil painting of the HMCS Barrie and the relocation of the one-sixth scale model ship from the Downtown Barrie Public Library to City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN