



Minutes - Final
International Relations Committee

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

6:00 PM

Huronion Room A

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on February 5, 2019.

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

- Present:** 12 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Councillor B. Ward
Vice Chair R. Warman - German Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Crasco - Puerto Princesa Philippines
E. Cudanin - Puerto Princesa Philippines
V. Kompp - German Canadian Club
B. Mullen - Georgian College
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
- Absent:** 5 - Lieutenant-Colonel B. Nekurak Base Borden
C. Hewitt - Youth Ambassador
J. Laking - German Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J.M. Pigeon -The Borough of Harrogate

STAFF:

Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. Maynard

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Committee's Budget. Mr. Morrison commented that the Committee approved an expenditure of funds up to \$2500.00 in March, 2018 for the replenishment of gifts for exchange purposes and that there are gifts that still need to be purchased before the end of 2018. Mr. Morrison asked P. Sachkiw to coordinate the replenishment of gifts before the end of 2018.

JAPAN TWINNING UPDATE

M. Sachkiw and H. Noguchi provided an update regarding Japan Twinning. Mr. Sachkiw commented that a representative from Murayama, Japan visited the City of Barrie in October, 2018.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update regarding Arras, France. Mr. Morrison thanked the Committee for providing him the opportunity to travel to Arras, France and Harrogate, United Kingdom in November, 2018 as his visit was very successful.

He commented that Mayor Lehman and Mayor of Arras, France Frederic Leturque signed a Special Friendship City Agreement which will foster and build a relationship between the two Cities.

Mr. Morrison advised that an unveiling of a statute by the Borden Legacy Donors to the Vimy Foundation entitled "The Borden Centennial Bugler" took place during his visit to Arras, France in November, 2018.

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. Mr. Morrison commented that his visit to the Borough of Harrogate in November, 2018 to build and promote future adult and youth exchanges between the two Cities was very successful.

Mr. Morrison advised that during his visit to the Borough of Harrogate that he had the opportunity to participate in their Remembrance Day Ceremony.

GERMAN TWINNING UPDATE AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

R. Warman provided an update regarding Zweibrücken, Germany. He commented that there are plans for a choir from Zweibrücken, Germany to visit the City of Barrie in 2019 with a reciprocal visit by the King Edward Choir in 2020.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE CHANGE DISCUSSION

D. Morrison provided an update regarding the status of the partnerships. Mr. Morrison discussed a proposed change to the structure of the Committee to address active versus abeyant (inactive) partnerships.

Mr. Morrison suggested that Taizhou, China and Puerto Princesa, Philippines be moved to an "Abeyant" category to reflect the inactivity between our cities and that abeyant partnerships not have representation or voting members on the Committee but "Active" status can be regained should either country choose to re-establish a partnership.

Mr. Morrison commented that "Active" partnerships consist of Zweibrücken, Germany; Murayama, Japan; Borough of Harrogate, United Kingdom; Arras, France; Youth Ambassadors Program. He also suggested that representatives from each sub-committee be increased to three members given the significant increase in expected activity with each partnership. He also suggested that a representative of the German Canadian Club be added to the Committee.

The Committee members provided their input regarding the proposed change to the structure of the Committee.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

There was no report provided regarding the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN