

Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 3, 2017 Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Johanna Haan, Arnold Koopman, John Coyle, Charlie Minken, Hassa Raza, Miles Ross, Mary Vuk, Bill Swybrous, Chuck Morris, Rob Lyng

2. Member Regrets:

Rory Nisan, Niki Vahidian, Ed Dorr, Jennifer Olchowy, Bill Stafford, Sabrina Yott, Councillor Lancaster

3. Others Present:

Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

5. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from meeting held April 5, 2017, approved.

6. Delegation(s):

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Itabashi subcommittee update

The subcommittee continues to create programming that will expose Japanese culture to Burlingtonians:

- Animation exploration Aug. 2
- Ikebana seminar at the Burlington Public Library Jun 13
- Movie and lecture Madame Butterfly October

Students from St Elizabeth Seton elementary school, Burlington and Fujimidai elementary school, Itabashi have their art on display at the Art Gallery of Burlington for the month of May. Students and their families will participate in an event on May 10th to thank them for their participation. Councillor Lancaster and Robert Stevens (AGB) will speak and students will be presented with certificates.

Sakura Festival to be held at the Art Gallery of Burlington on May 6, 2017 from 1-3pm

A request has been sent to Mayor Sakamoto in Itabashi requesting greetings for Canada's 150th birthday celebration on July 1.

The city has issued an RFP for the design of the future Itabashi park/garden.

7.2 United Nations subcommittee upate

The next United Nations event will be held on October 24. The subcommittee continues to liaise with local schools to plan for the event. Posters are being distributed to schools to start to spread the word. The committee continues to explore guest speakers.

7.3 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

The 21 students that travelled to Apeldoorn returned from a very successful student exchange.

Canada Netherlands Friendship Day to be held on May 6, 2017 from 11am - noon.

Plans are continuing for the visit by HRH Princess Margriet and Professor van Vollenhoven on May 16. Lisa asked for volunteers to assist staff with the event at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Johanna provided members with some history about HRH Princess Margriet, the royal family and their connections with Canada.

Discussion about the Burlington poet preparing a poem for the City of Apeldoorn has been deferred to the June meeting.

8. Other Business:

9. Adjournment: 8:25 p.m