



SUBJECT: Burlington Mundialization Committee annual report and work plan

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Clerks Department

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Wards Affected: All

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Date to Council: July 10, 2017

Recommendation:

Receive and file clerks department report CL-08-17 providing the Burlington Mundialization Committee's 2016 annual report and 2017 work plan.

Purpose:

To present the Burlington Mundialization Committee's 2016 annual report and 2017 work plan for information

An Engaging City

- Good Governance
- Community Building through Arts and Culture via Community Activities

Background and Discussion:

The Burlington Mundialization Committee was established in 1984 as a citizen advisory committee of council. The mandate of the committee is to promote the City of Burlington as a world community dedicated to the United Nations philosophy of peaceful co-operation among the peoples of the world and encourage community understanding of different cultures and global issues. This mandate is achieved through the maintenance of the city's twinning relationships with Itabashi, Japan and Apeldoorn, the Netherlands and through activities that celebrate United Nations Day.

In 1989, Burlington signed a twinning agreement with Itabashi and in 2005 Burlington signed a twinning agreement with Apeldoorn. Burlington's relationship with its twin cities is active and continues to flourish through annual art, culture, and student and citizen exchange programs and through the celebration of milestone anniversaries. The committee also organizes an event on United Nations Day each year. The event is geared to local high school students and includes hearing from leading thinkers on the United Nations, participating in leadership activities, and learning about current world issues.

As detailed in the appendices of clerk's department report CL-08-17, the committee coordinates numerous programs and events each year that maintain the twin city relationships, share the culture of the twin cities with Burlington residents and create local awareness of the mandate of the United Nations to promote international understanding, mutual trust and appreciation among people of different cultures.

The Burlington Mundialization Committee operates through a subcommittee structure. Subcommittees have been established to manage the committee's three areas of focus; Apeldoorn subcommittee, Itabashi subcommittee and United Nations subcommittee. Each subcommittee has representation from the council appointed members of the Mundialization Committee, and in addition, include engaged and active volunteers and students from the community. The subcommittees meet monthly, in addition to the monthly Mundialization Committee meetings and are particularly active in the community.

Attached are the 2016 annual reports for the Burlington Mundialization Committee and its three subcommittees.

Financial Matters:

All activities undertaken and planned by the Burlington Mundialization Committee are within their current approved operating budget.

Connections:

N/A

Public Engagement Matters:

Committee members are active in coordinating community events that promote the culture of Burlington's twin cities of Apeldoorn and Itabashi and in creating awareness

about the United Nations. These events and activities will continue to be promoted through the city's web and other media tools provided by the city's communications section.

Conclusion:

The 2016 annual report is provided for information. It is apparent from the number of initiatives outlined in the attached document that the volunteer citizens of this committee and its subcommittees are committed, engaged and passionate about carrying out the role given to them by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices: (if none delete section)

- A. Mundialization Committee annual report - Executive Summary
- B. Apeldoorn subcommittee annual report
- C. Itabashi subcommittee annual report
- D. United Nations subcommittee annual report

Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.