



## **Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Date: June 7, 2017  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

**1. Members Present:**

Ed Dorr, Johanna Haan, John Coyle, Rob Lyng, Bill Stafford, Peter Bridger, Rory Nisan, Sabrina Yott, Miles Ross, Chuck Morris, William Swybrous, Mary Vuk, Arnold Koopman

**2. Member Regrets:**

Niki Vahidian, Hassan Raza, Charlie Minken

**3. Others Present:**

Councillor Blair Lancaster, Nelson high school student, Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

**4. Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

5.1 Minutes from the meeting held May 3, 2017 approved.

**6. Delegation(s):**

**7. Regular Items:**

7.1 United Nations subcommittee update

Sabrina provided the UN subcommittee update. The subcommittee is meeting on a monthly basis. The full day conference at Burlington Central High School is confirmed. The subcommittee has formed teams to work on communication, resources, etc. A short list of key note speakers has been identified and are being approached for availability. The subcommittee is trying to get the word out to students before the summer

break. Student representatives from each of the high schools are being recruited to the UN subcommittee to act as liaisons. More details to come.

## 7.2 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Miles provided the subcommittee update. May 2017 was a significant month for the Apeldoorn / Burlington twinning relationship. The Canada Netherlands Friendship Day event was held on May 6 and the visit by H.R.H. Princess Margriet and her husband Pieter van Vollenhoven took place on May 16. Both events were a great success.

Committee members provided feedback on the Princess visit regarding what was done well and what could be improved for future events. Lisa will meet with city staff involved in the Princess visit to gather feedback from them as well.

Apeldoorn held CanadaFest on May 7. Their event was well attended and the video created by Burlington for Apeldoorn went viral in Holland with more than 30,000 views.

17 Apeldoorn citizens will visit Burlington for 10 days, arriving on September 14. The visitors will stay with Burlington residents. The city will host a welcome breakfast for them on September 15. Lisa to book room and order refreshments.

MOTION: to spend up to \$400 for a welcome reception for the Apeldoorn citizens and their host families. Approved.

MOTION: to spend up to \$75 for an honorarium for the Golden Age of Dutch Masters guest speaker at the library seminar being held on Nov. 29. Approved.

MOTION: to approach a local poet to create a piece to present as a gift to the City of Apeldoorn during the 15th anniversary celebrations of the signing of the twinning MOU in 2005. Approved.

## 7.3 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob provided the subcommittee update. Sam K has announced his retirement from the Mundialization Committee after 23 years of involvement.

MM Robinson High School has agreed to participate in a pen pal exchange with Itabashi.

The elementary school art display at the Art Gallery of Burlington was a great success. In addition to the one month display, the artwork was open

for viewing during the sakura festival and was a great addition to the event.

The Sakura Festival held May 6 attracted more than 300 participants. The entertainers and activities were well received by all. Sharing the event poster and communications with the entertainers, as well as increased social media by the city early on, led to much greater exposure than in past years. Members will investigate a larger venue for 2018.

In July, Lisa, Chuck and Rob to attend a meeting at the Japanese Consulate along with other municipalities to share ideas on twinning.

**8. Other Business:**

**8.1 Mundialization annual report**

Members reviewed the draft report and provided feedback/edits. The Mundialization annual report and work plan will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 29. Ed will be out of town and as a result no one will delegate to the report. The annual report suggests that council consider an amendment to the twinning framework approved in 2007 which states that twinning anniversaries will occur every 5 years up to the 25th anniversary and then every 10 years afterwards. The Munidaliazation Committee suggests that anniversary celebrations continue at 5 year intervals even after 25 years. Members asked Councillor Lancaster to present a staff direction at the COW meeting requesting that the clerks department investigate the proposed amendment.

**9. Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.**