



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: September 6, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 305, Level 3, City Hall
426 Brant Street, Burlington, Ontario

1. Members Present:

Ed Dorr, Johanna Haan, John Coyle, Rob Lyng, Peter Bridger, Rory Nisan, Sabrina Yott, Miles Ross, Chuck Morris, Mary Vuk, Hassan Raza, Charles Minken

2. Member Regrets:

William Swybrous, Bill Stafford, Niki Vahidian, Councillor Lancaster

3. Others Present:

Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Minutes from the meeting held June 7, 2017 approved.

6. Delegation(s):

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Update provided by Miles Ross. Miles commenced the update by recalling an experience he had recently. Miles encountered a local police officer who recognized him as a past teacher and relayed to him that he had participated in one of the first high school student exchanges to Apeldoorn. The police officer relayed that he was still in contact with his billet family and planned to visit them next year with his family. The story

is a reminder of the strong ties/friendships that have developed between Apeldoorn and Burlington citizens throughout the 10 year twinning relationship.

Planning of the Dutch Food and Games night is being led by Charlie. Charlie invited members to attend and volunteer to assist with food service. Final preparations and promotion are underway. This year, the citizen delegation from Apeldoorn will be in attendance. DUCA has sponsored the sjoelbak tournament trophy and prize (a charitable donation to an organization selected by the winner) The event will also have Dutch food for sale, Dutch music and slideshow/video viewing. A facebook event page has already generated interest from the community.

Planning of the citizen delegation from Apeldoorn logistics/itinerary is being led by Peter. Peter shared the itinerary with members - most details have been finalized. The committee looks forward to hosting the Apeldoorn guests and to attending the Mayor's welcome reception on Sept. 15. Johanna, Bill and Shirley are leading the coordination of billet families.

The subcommittee will commence promotion for the Spring 2018 citizen delegation to Apeldoorn. Tentative dates are April 30 - May 10 and the estimated cost is \$2300 per person / double occupancy. Posters will be distributed at the Dutch Games night, and social media will be used to solicit participation. Information nights will be arranged for anyone interested in going.

Agreement has been reached with a local poet to create a poem to gift to the City of Apeldoorn during upcoming 15th twinning anniversary celebrations. In 2016, the City of Apeldoorn presented Burlington with a poem.

7.2 Itabashi subcommittee update

Updated provided by Rob Lyng. Rob provided an update on Library Seminars:

- Ikebana library seminar held June 13th had 20 in attendance
- Anime session scheduled for August was cancelled due to scheduling issues
- the subcommittee is discussing involvement in an upcoming Animee Club - more details to come
- Oct. 24th - Madame Butterfly discussion
- Oct. 26th - Madame Butterfly movie

- Nov. 29th - Dutch Masters discussion with Brian Wylie
- Tea ceremony - tbd

The pen pal program will commence in October. MM Robinson has agreed to participate and student names have been sent to Itabashi.

The subcommittee will organize a display at Burlington Central Library in October.

The Itabashi garden proposal has been included in the capital budget submissions. All submissions will be previewed by an executive team prior to submission for council consideration.

The Kan Nakazawa International Studies award was presented in June at the Rotary Lakeshore annual awards event. The recipient was Clariza Isabel Castro, Corpus Christi Secondary school.

Lisa (Clerk) will prepare a report for consideration at the Committee of the Whole meeting in November to discuss the city's twinning framework - specifically the process of celebrating twinning celebrations every 5 years up to the 25th year, and then every 10 years after the 25th year. Lisa to contact the City/Mayor of Itabashi to gauge their intentions regarding this matter.

On Oct. 5 a Burlington resident will travel to Itabashi to view her mother's ceramic art. In 2004 during the 15th twinning anniversary celebrations, Burlington arranged for a collection of local art to be sent to Itabashi for display. After the anniversary, most art was returned to Burlington but a few pieces remained and are still on display in Itabashi.

The committee is considering the coordination of a citizen exchange to Itabashi in 2019

While travelling in Japan this October, Rob will make a stop in Itabashi. Arrangements have been made to meet with Mayor Sakamoto.

7.3 United Nations subcommittee update

Update provided by Sabrina Yott. Plans for the second annual United Nations 101 conference are well underway. Professor Alistair Edgar will be the guest speaker. Subcommittee members will facilitate the question and answer period following. The topics considered for discussion during the model UN session include; forced marriage, death penalty, North Korea, Autonomous weapons. The subcommittee is actively promoting the event with students and a website with information and a registration link has been created. The subcommittee is looking to members to

volunteer to assist on the day of the event, specifically for setup at 7:20am and lunch at 11:20 am.

MOTION: to provide an honorarium of \$350 to the guest speaker (includes travel expenses) Approved.

8. Other Business:

8.1 Recruitment, volunteer survey, chair/vice-chair meeting, staff direction

Recruitment to fill citizen committee vacancies will take place in Sept and Oct, with interviews taking place in November. New members will commence Jan. 2018. Members suggested that the city recruit more youth - suggestions were made on how youth could participate - offer 1 year terms, connect youth with a mentor on the committee, target recruitment. Lisa to take the suggestions back to the committee services team.

John accepted a full position on the committee to fill a recent vacancy due to Arnold's 'retirement'.

9. Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on October 4.