



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 9, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Ed Dorr (Chair), Hassan Raza, Chuck Morris, Rob Lyng, Anne Koopman, Miles Ross

2. Others Present:

Councillor Rory Nisan, Arnold Koopman, Mana Sawamori, Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

3. Member Regrets:

Johanna Haan, Sid Gupta, Kristin Demeny, Sabrina Yott

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Minutes from the meeting held November 7, 2018 were approved as amended

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

On motion, Ed Dorr and Hassan Raza were elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively of the Burlington Mundialization Committee, effective immediately for the term to expire December 31, 2019.

7. Delegation(s):

None.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Chair's update

Ed welcomed Mana Sawamori, Rotary Youth Exchange Student and thanked her for attending the meeting.

8.2 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Miles and Anne provided the following update:

- Dutch-Indonesian Food and Game night was a sold-out event with almost 100 in attendance. The committee made a \$900 donation to the Red Cross towards Indonesian Tsunami Relief. The silent auction and sjoelbak tournament were popular with attendees. Miles thanked all committee members for their team effort.
- Pen pal exchange and high school travel exchange continue to be a work in progress.
- Committee members have arranged for grade 5/6 students from Pineland Public School to travel to Queen's Park on May 2 to participate in the annual Dutch Heritage Month Flag Raising.
Motion - to spend up to \$300 to pay for students and chaperon travel to and from Queen's Park via GO Train and TTC. Carried.
- Upcoming events:
 - Dutch Heritage Month flag raising at Queen's Park - May 2
 - Canada Netherlands Friendship Day at City Hall-Civic Square - May 4

8.3 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob provided the following update:

- Many plans are underway for the Itabashi/Burlington official and citizen delegation travel to take place in 2019.
- Homestays are being arranged for the 11 students travelling from Itabashi in August.
- A second set of letters has been received by M.M. Robinson students participating in a pen pal exchange with students in Itabashi. Committee members are in the process of coordinating and art exchange with another Burlington school (more details to come)
- Committee members met with Roads Parks and Forestry staff regarding the sakura trees at Spencer. A replanting process has been established to remove/replace trees. Discussions continue around preserving wood from cut trees to create gifts for the visiting Itabashi delegation.
- Tea ceremony held at Burlington Public Library on Nov. 9 had full participation and continues to be a popular event with the public.
- Upcoming events:

- Sword making at Central Library - Feb. 9
- Public open house to review Itabashi Garden design at Tansley Woods - Apr. 6
- Japanese movie screening at Burlington Public Library - TBD
- Sakura Festival at Art Gallery of Burlington - May 4

8.4 United Nations subcommittee update

- Members are actively preparing for the 2019 UN Day event:
 - looking for a larger venue
 - seeking a guest speaker
 - making connections with local high schools
 - investigating expanding the program to elementary school students
- Next meeting will be held Jan. 17

9. Other Business:

Ed reminded members that the Committee's annual report is due to Council this quarter. Ed asked the sub-committee chairs to submit their annual reports. Ed and Hassan will work on the Executive Summary and the Clerk will complete the covering report.

Miles suggested updating information on the Committee webpages to include upcoming events like the Canada Netherlands Friendship Day, Sakura Festival and Dutch Heritage Month.

Action: Clerk to work with communications staff to update the website and to promote upcoming events.

10. Adjournment: 8:22 p.m.

Note: Next meeting will be held Feb. 6 - City Hall Room 247