



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: March 6, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Ed Dorr (Chair), Hassan Raza (Vice Chair), Johanna Haan, Sabrina Yott, Rob Lyng, Miles Ross, Marybeth Curtin, Judith Genis, Brianna Jennings, Chuck Morris, Christa Papavasiliou, Michael Pavan, Shadi Salehian, Ryan Martin

2. Member Regrets:

Siddhim Gupta, Kristin Demeny, Anne Koopman

3. Others Present:

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

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Minutes from the meeting held January 9, 2019 were approved.

Note: Meeting cancelled on Feb. 6, 2019 due to inclement weather.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Chair update / new member welcome

Ed welcomed new members followed by roundtable introductions.

7.2 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Miles provided the following update:

- Elementary school art exchange is in progress and the art from both Apeldoorn and Burlington students will be displayed during the Canada Netherlands Friendship Day event.
- Student travel exchange will resume in 2020 with a small group of Burlington high school students travelling to Apeldoorn in May and Apeldoorn students travelling to Burlington in October. The Apeldoorn subcommittee and Burlington committee in Apeldoorn are planning meaningful activities and projects for the students to collaborate on with the theme being the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Holland.
- A member of the Burlington committee in Apeldoorn will be in Burlington for a few days in May.
- **Motion** - to spend up to \$2000 towards the Canada Netherlands Friendship Day event. (expenses include chair rental, audio equipment, light refreshments, school buses, promotion). 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

7.3 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob provided the following update:

- Plans continue for the Sakura Festival. It was suggested that the subcommittee consider an upgrade to the audio equipment to provide improved sound for this year's event.
- Motion - to spend up to \$3000 towards the Sakura Festival event. (expenses include venue rental, performers, light refreshments) Carried.
- Plans continue for the Itabashi/Burlington official and citizen delegation travel to take place in 2019.
- Information sessions are being held at 7 p.m. at City Hall on Apr. 4 and May 23 for citizens considering joining the citizen tour to Japan in October.
- Homestays are being arranged for the 11 students travelling from Itabashi to Burlington Aug. 14 -20. Members are asked to spread the word regarding potential homestays.
- The Itabashi Garden construction is underway. Parks and Open Space staff will attend the next committee meeting to provide an overview. On Apr. 6 a public information session will be held at Tansley Woods Community Centre to provide an overview of the Garden design and construction.

- Staff has requested a letter from the Mayor's office to thank Mr. Taroo Enomoto for his generous monetary donation towards the purchase of azaleas for the Itabashi Garden.
- Elementary student artwork from Fujimidai school in Itabashi and Tecumseh Public School in Burlington will be displayed at the Art Gallery of Burlington during the month of May. On May 2 the student's principal, teachers and families will be invited to a 'celebration of art' with guest speaker Suzanne Carte, Senior Curator.
- Upcoming events:
 - Haiku seminar - Burlington Central Library - Apr. 3
 - Public open house to review Itabashi Garden design at Tansley Woods Community Centre - Apr. 6
 - Japanese movie screening at Burlington Public Library - Apr. 24
 - Sakura Festival at Art Gallery of Burlington - May 4
 - Elementary School Art Exhibit, Art Gallery of Burlington (Community Gallery) - Month of May
 - Official delegation from Itabashi - Jun. 30-Jul.3
 - Citizen delegation from Itabashi - Aug. 14-20

7.4 United Nations subcommittee update

Sabrina provided the following update:

- Plans are underway for the 2019 Model UN Day event on Oct. 24.
- The subcommittee is now comprised of a number of high school and elementary school students.
- The focus of this year's conference will be Sustainable Development Goal #4 - Quality Education.
- The subcommittee is organizing a poster contest in April for high school students. The theme of the contest is 'what does equitable / sustainable education mean to you'
- Motion: to spend up to \$200 to provide 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for the high school poster contest. Carried.
- For the first time the committee is engaging elementary school students. A conference for grade 8 students will be held late May/early June. More details to come.

8. Other Business:

Committee members discussed the possibility of the City of Burlington pursuing another twin city relationship. More discussion on this topic to come.

9. Adjournment: 8:47 p.m.