



## **Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Date: April 3, 2019  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

#### **1. Members Present:**

Ed Dorr (Chair), Hassan Raza (Vice Chair), Rob Lyng, Anne Koopman, Brianna Jennings, Michael Pavan, Miles Ross, Johanna Haan, Shadi Salehian, Ryan Martin, Krista Papavasiliou, Siddhim Gupta, Chuck Morris

#### **2. Member Regrets:**

Sabrina Yott, Kristin Demeny, Judith Genis, Marybeth Curtin

#### **3. Others Present:**

Councillor Nisan, Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

#### **4. Declarations of Interest:**

None.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes:**

5.1 Minutes from meeting held March 6, 2019 were approved.

#### **6. Delegation(s):**

6.1 Kim Napier, Landscape Architect

Kim provided members with an overview of the Itabashi Garden design, process to date and next steps. Members were invited to attend the public information center to be held on Sat., Apr. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Tansley Library. Landscape Designer Virginia Burt will be presenting.

#### **7. Regular Items:**

7.1 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Anne provided the Apeldoorn subcommittee update:

- Four schools are participating in the art exchange between Burlington and Apeldoorn; Trinity Public school, Pineland Public school, Rietendak school and Heuvellaan school. Members are asked to come to city hall on May 3 at 1 pm to assist with putting the artwork on display for Canada Netherlands Friendship Day.
- The highschool travel exchange is being organized. Ten students from Apeldoorn will visit Burlington around Thanksgiving weekend. Members are asked to spread the word about billeting the students while they are in town.
- Jan Koorenhof, member of the Burlington Committee in Apeldoorn will visit Burlington and meet with the subcommittee on May 3 to relay information about the 2020 celebrations planned in Apeldoorn for the 75th anniversary of the liberation. Jan will also provide remarks at the CNFD event.
- The theme for this the CNFD event is global freedom through friendship and respect for all. Members are encouraged to come to the CNFD event to assist and take part.
- Preliminary discussions are taking place regarding the 15th twinning anniversary with Apeldoorn. In May, a Burlington citizen delegation will visit Apeldoorn and in Sept. an Apeldoorn citizen delegation will visit Burlington.

## 7.2 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob Lyng provided the Itabashi subcommittee update:

- plans are underway for the official delegation visit from Itabashi. Members will be invited to attend the welcome dinner planned for Jul. 1.
- citizen delegation is planned from Oct. 14-21. Brianna is looking into volunteer opportunities for the citizens while they are visiting Burlington.
- the final set of letters for this school year are being composed by Burlington students to send to their pen pals in Itabashi.
- The Haiku presentation held at the Burlington Public Library was successfully attended by 20 participants.
- A Japanese movie will be presented at the Burlington Public Library on Apr. 24.
- The Itabashi elementary artwork has arrived and will be displayed along with Tecumseh public school art at the Art Gallery of Burlington throughout the month of May.

- Members are encouraged to assist with setting up the art display at the Art Gallery of Burlington on May 1 at 9:30 am and to assist at the Sakura Festival.
- Members were informed that the sakura trees at Spencer Smith Park will be cut and replaced with new trees. The trees were planted 42 years ago and have suffered a lot of damage from their proximity to the lake. Communications will be provided to the public. Two trees were removed already and provided to the local Wood Turners Guild. The Guild is creating walking sticks for veterans and wig stands. It was suggested that a gift be created from the sakura tree wood and presented to Mr. Kan Nakazawa, the donor of the trees.

### 7.3 United Nations subcommittee update

Shadi provided the united nations subcommittee update:

- The subcommittee now includes both high school and elementary school volunteers that will participate in the creation and execution of the model UN conferences.
- On May 29 the subcommittee will coordinate the first elementary model UN conference at John William Boich elementary school. 60 students will participate from grades 6-8 from 8am - 11am. Students will discuss climate change and high school students will participate as mentors. Speakers are being finalized at this time.
- Motion: to spend up to \$150 to purchase UN pins for the students. Carried.
- Motion: to spend up to \$400 to provide light breakfast for the students. Carried.
- To promote Model UN, the subcommittee will coordinate an art contest in the high schools, inviting students to make submissions that speak to the theme of 'what quality education means to them'

## 8. Other Business:

### 8.1 Additional twinning relationship

Members will form a subcommittee to discuss the opportunity of pursuing an additional twinning relationship. Hassan, Michael, Krista, Ryan, Syd and Ed will meet and report back at a later date.

### 8.2 Declaration of climate change

Councillor Nisan relayed that he would be bringing a declaration of climate change emergency to council in April. He encouraged members to delegate to support the declaration.

### 8.3 Imperial House of Japan

Chuck informed members about the abdication of Emperor Akihito of Japan. On May 1, his son will become the 126th Emperor. The country will celebrate for 10 days, from April 27 to May 7.

### 9. **Adjournment: 8:44 p.m.**