



SUBJECT: D-Day Anniversary - Juno Beach Trip

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Office of the Mayor

Report Number: MO-03-19

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers:

Date to Committee: July 8, 2019

Date to Council: July 15, 2019

Recommendation:

Receive and file Mayor's Office report MO-03-19 regarding D-Day Anniversary – Juno Beach trip; and

Express a strong interest in a twinning relationship with Courseulles-sur-Mer, France; and

Direct the City Clerk in cooperation with the Burlington Mundialization Committee to report back to Committee of the Whole in Q4 2019 with options for twinning with Courseulles-sur-Mer; and

Direct the City Clerk to provide proposed criteria, for committee's consideration, for future twinning relationships including consideration of a city in a developing country.

Background and Discussion:

In June, the Mayor and a staff member travelled to France to represent our city for the 75th anniversary commemorative events of D-Day at Juno Beach as a result of the connection Burlington has to the Juno Beach Centre Museum and the war effort of D-Day and beyond in WWII.

Having learned of our city's significant role in preserving the memory of Canada's contributions to WWII and, at the request of the host community, I believe it is essential to formalize and continue our relationship with Courseulles-sur-Mer and the Juno Beach Centre.

For a full report on my trip, see Appendix A.
My trip itinerary can be found in Appendix B.
Costs associated with the trip can be found in Appendix C.

Conclusion:

Recommend that Council approve, in principle, a twinning relationship with Courseulles-sur-Mer, France, and direct the City Clerk in consultation with the Mundialization Committee to report back to Council by October with options and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices:

- A. Full trip report
- B. Trip itinerary
- C. Trip costs