



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: June 5, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Ed Dorr (Chair), Hassan Raza (Vice Chair), Rob Lyng, Johanna Haan, Miles Ross, Ryan Martin, Marybeth Curtin, Brianna Jennings, Michael Pavan, Sabrina Yott, Chuck Morris, Anne Koopman, Siddhim Gupta

2. Member Regrets:

Kristin Demeny, Judith Genis, Krista Papavasiliou, Shadi Salehian

3. Others Present:

Councillor Nisan, Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Minutes from the meeting held May 1, 2019 were approved.

6. Delegation(s):

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Anne provided the subcommittee update:

- Leanne is now working at Frontenac elementary school and will assist with student exchange activities moving forward.
- currently have 1 Apeldoorn elementary school and 2 Burlington elementary schools interested in participating in an art

exchange. Apeldoorn teachers will travel to Burlington in Oct. to meet with Burlington teachers to promote the exchange.

- The subcommittee is actively looking for 10 students to travel to Apeldoorn in spring 2020 as part of the ongoing student exchange program in Apeldoorn as well as participating in the 15th twinning anniversary celebrations.
- The subcommittee is looking into the use of a bus to transport students to and from the airport and to and from a few activities (Niagara Falls, McMaster University, local recreation centre)
- MOTION: spend up to \$1500.00 for bus transportation for visiting Apeldoorn students. Carried.
- The citizen visit to Apeldoorn is being finalized. Citizens will spend 8 days in Apeldoorn, 3 nights in Amsterdam. Many residents have shown interest at this time. An information meeting is scheduled for August 21st. Apeldoorn citizens will come to Burlington Sept 17-28, 2020.
- The local wood carvers guild continues to make canes for donation to the 48th Highlanders of Holland.

7.2 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob provided the subcommittee update:

- the sakura festival had another successful year - with attendance close to 300. The festival is outgrowing the Art Gallery of Burlington so committee members are looking into alternative locations while still considering the preference of performers and audience for an intimate space. The improved sound system was well received as was the children's activities in the back of the room.
- the elementary student art exchange was on display in the community room which allowed attendees of the sakura festival to view the artwork at the same time.
- Itabashi garden is getting close to completion - foundations poured, paths and planting all prepped.
- 10 Itabashi students will visit Burlington Aug. 14-20. The subcommittee is working on the itinerary. City staff are arranging volunteer opportunities for the students while they are here.

Lisa provided a brief overview of the itinerary for the official delegation visiting from Itabashi Jun. 30 - Jul. 3. Mund members are invited to attend the Welcome Dinner on July 1. Members are also encouraged to attend the public events (Itabashi garden opening and Canada Day opening ceremonies)

7.3 United Nations subcommittee update

- Sabrina stepped down as Chair of the UN subcommittee. Sid, Ryan and Shadi will operate as co-chairs moving forward.
- The first ever elementary school model UN conference was a success. Dr. Kubursi was a very engaging speaker, the students provided positive feedback about the day and about receiving the UN pins.
- the subcommittee will continue to build on the elementary model UN event.

MOTION: to purchase a gift for Dr. Kubursi. Carried

- The high school model UN event is confirmed for Thurs., Oct. 24 at Robert Bateman high school.
- Over the summer, the subcommittee will meet to organize attendance at the One Burlington Festival and Appleby Street Festival and the details for the Oct. 24 event.

7.4 Rotary Youth Exchange Student 2018

Mana Sawamori provided members with a presentation summarizing her one year stay in Canada and Burlington. Mana stayed with four billet families while in Canada. She presented about her favourite experiences and talked about similarities and differences between the Canadian and Japanese cultures.

8. Other Business:

9. Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.