



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: September 4, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members present:

Ed Dorr (Chair), Hassan Raza (Vice Chair), Johanna Haan, Miles Ross, Arnold Koopman, Marybeth Curtin, Michael Pavan, Shadi Salehian

2. Member Regrets:

Chuck Morris, Rob Lyng, Ryan Martin, Brianna Jennings, Judith Genis, Krista Papavasiliou, Councillor Nisan

3. Others Present:

Eric Lim, Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Minutes from meeting held June 6, 2019 were approved, as amended.

6. Delegation(s):

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Itabashi subcommittee update

Marybeth provided the subcommittee update:

- The annual Kan Nakazawa international studies scholarship was awarded by the Rotary club to Catherine - a Nelson High School student.

- Rob Lyng represented the City of Burlington at a luncheon at the Lieutenant Governor's residence held in honour of Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamodo of Japan.
- The local wood carver and wood turner guilds have created items from the sakura trees removed from Spencer Smith Park. They will be made available for sale.
- Both the official delegation and student delegation visits were a success. The itabashi subcommittee met following the visits to Burlington and prepared a post mortem document outlining what worked/what needs improvement for future citizen delegation visits.
- Both the pen pal and art exchanges concluded at the end of the school year and planning is underway for the next school year's exchanges.
- the 2020 Sakura Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th.
- Several cultural events have been planned for the next few months:
 - Sept. 27 - Ikebana workshop at Aldershot Library
 - Oct. 8 - Hiroshige's One Hundred Famous Views of Edo discussion at Central Library
 - Oct. 30 - Engaged Buddhism discussion at Central Library
 - Nov. 2 - Japanese Tea Ceremony at Central Library
- The official Burlington delegation will travel to Itabashi Oct 15 - 21.
- The citizen Burlington delegation will travel to Itabashi Oct. 16 - 27.

7.2 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Anne provided the subcommittee update:

- Planning for the high school student exchange is well under way. 7 students from Apeldoorn will visit Burlington Oct. 5-14 and be billeted with students in Burlington. 7 Burlington students will travel to Apeldoorn Apr. 30 - May 11, 2020.
- Planning for the pen pal program is underway with a possibility of 5 Burlington elementary schools participating.
- A teacher from Apeldoorn will visit Burlington this fall to discuss student exchanges with local teachers.

- An official and citizen delegation will travel to Apeldoorn in May 2020. The number of citizens interested in joining the delegation was overwhelming . A lottery was held to select the travellers.
- An International Youth Conference is being held in Apeldoorn in May 2020. The committee is organizing a group of 4 youth and a chaperone to attend. Countries participating include Holland, Germany, Italy, Denmark, France and Canada (Burlington).
- An Apeldoorn citizen exchange will visit Burlington in September 2020.
- The 2nd annual Dutch Indonesian dinner and games night will be held Nov. 2 at the Burlington Seniors' Centre.
- The annual Canada Netherlands Friendship Day event will be held later in May in lieu of the traditional May 5th weekend as the official delegation will be in Apeldoorn at that time. The committee is considering a new venue and taking the event indoors.

7.3 United Nations subcommittee update

Shadi provided the subcommittee update:

- The annual event will be held at Robert Bateman high school on October 24. The Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell has accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker at the event. Councillor Galbraith will bring greetings from the city.
- Planning for the event is well underway. The committee is hoping to attract 250+ students to the event.
- MOTION: to spend up to \$3000 to host the annual Model UN Conference 101 for Burlington high school students. Expenses include snacks, lunch, speaker gift, UN pins for students, etc. Carried.

8. Other Business:

8.1 Future twinnings

There was discussion regarding council's direction to staff to investigate future twinnings with Courseulles Sur Mer, France and a developing country. Mundialization members have formed a team (Hassan, Michael, Ryan, Krista, Eric) to work with staff to respond council's direction. The team has begun work on a matrix to provide criteria for future twinning decisions. Members discussed the importance of identifying the purpose of twinning as part of the exercise.

9. Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.