



## **Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

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

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

Hassan Raza (Vice Chair), Johanna Hann, Rob Lyng, Miles Ross, Anne Koopman, Chuck Morris, Christa Papavasiliou, Ryan Martin

#### **2. Others Present:**

Juliette Barns (UN Subcommittee member), Edward Dinca (UN Subcommittee member), Councillor Rory Nisan, Suzanne Gillies (Clerk)

#### **3. Member Regrets:**

Ed Door, Sabrina Yott, Siddhim Gupta, Kristin Demeny, Marybeith Curtin, Brianna Jennings, Michael Pavan, Shadi Salehian

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

None.

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

5.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held October 2, 2019

Minutes from the meeting held on October 2, 2019 were approved as amended.

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

None.

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

7.1 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Anne provided the subcommittee update:

- The high school exchange that brought 7 students from Apeldoorn to Burlington was a huge success. The highlights included a trip to the Warplane Heritage Museum, a day in Toronto, a day in Niagara Falls and Burlington Student Theater.
- There are four elementary schools that are interested in participating in the pen pal and art exchange program which are Pineland, Trinity Christian, Bruce T. Lindley, and Frontenac. The teacher from Apeldoorn will be looking to get more schools involved on their end.
- The citizen exchange is down to 18, however there are other's interested that will be considered.
- 3 students are confirmed to attend the International Youth Conference in Apeldoorn from April 30 - May 11, 2020 as well as a chaperone.
- Canada Netherlands Friendship day is scheduled for May 30, 2020 and Eric has agreed to take the lead and coordinate the activities for the day.
- The Dutch Indonesian game night was a success with over 100 tickets sold. The silent auction made over \$1,100. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.

## 7.2 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob and Chuck provided the subcommittee update:

- The official and citizen delegation to Itabashi was a glowing success. Rob provided a summary of the trip for the committee including details on the grand welcome they received at City Hall, the visit to the art gallery, as well as many other meaningful stories from the visit.
- Rob suggested that the possibility of an art exchange between Itabashi and Burlington be explored as part of the 35th anniversary celebrations.
- Chuck informed the committee of a meeting that took place with Roads, Parks and Forestry staff, and Dan McNeil of the woodcarvers guild regarding the cherry blossom trees in Spenser Smith Park. There is money in the 2021 budget to remove and replace the trees. The guild would like to use the removed trees to make items to see.

- Chuck will meet with staff to discuss the Itabashi garden at Tansley Woods. Need to discuss the garden and what up keep is necessary.
- Chuck asked if the Mayor could provide a letter of support for a Parks & Recreation Ontario award that Parks and Open Space staff are applying for the design of the Itabashi Garden at Tansley Woods. ACTION: Chuck to send Suzanne a draft letter of support to be signed by the Mayor.
- ACTION: Suzanne to follow up regarding displaying official gifts at Tansley Woods and in Council Chambers.
- Engaged Buddhism event that took place at Burlington Central Library on October 30, 2019 had 34 participants, the Japanese Tea Ceremony on November 2, 2019 also at Central Library had 24 participants.
- Hassan thanks Chuck on behalf of the entire committee for his years of volunteering and dedication to the committee.
- Councillor Nisan expressed thanks to everyone that helped to make the trip to Itabashi a huge success. He spoke about the meetings at the embassy and JETRO, the visit to the emergency response centre and how the importance of the relationship between Itabashi and Burlington was evident through the reception that Rob, Chuck and Ed received.

### 7.3 United Nations subcommittee update

Juliette Barns and Edward Dinca provided the subcommittee update:

- The training of the chairs for the UN Day was a success.
- The committee was hoping for 300 students to participate, the final number registered was 210 which does not include the chairs and students from JWB.
- The Lieutenant Governor, Elizabeth Dowdeswell was an amazing speaker, her story was interesting and tied in with the education theme.
- The committee is interested in designing a pin for the conference for 2020.
- Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success and thank you to the City and Councillor Galbraith.

- Recommend that an elementary school conference be held again in 2020, suggested location is JWB.
- The committee would like to post the video from the conference. ACTION: Suzanne will see if it is possible to have a link to the video on the Mundialization web page.
- Hassan thanked the entire committee for their hard work and success and asked what the date of the conference will be next year, United Nations day is October 24. 2020.

**8. Other Business:**

Hassan provided the following update:

- Working with staff to draft a report to go to committee and Council in January 2020. The report will outline a framework for the structure of twinning relationships moving forward. Criteria will also be developed that will guide who the City will twin with in the future and at what level.

**9. Adjournment:**

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.