



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 8, 2020
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 305, Level 3, City Hall
426 Brant Street, Burlington, Ontario

1. Members Present:

Hassan Raza, Miles Ross, Marybeth Curtin, Brianna Jennings, Shadi Salehian, Eric Lim, Rob Lyng, Ed Dorr

2. Others Present:

Leanne Cecil, Kyle O'Connor, Councillor Nisan, Suzanne Gillies (Clerk)

3. Member Regrets:

Johanna Haan, Anne Koopman, Kristin Demeny, Judith Genis, Christa Papavasiliou, Ryan Martin

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held November 6, 2019

Minutes from the meeting held November 6, 2019 were approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

On motion, Hassan Raza was elected as Chair of the Burlington Mundialization Committee, effective immediately for the term to expire December 31, 2020.

On motion, the election of a Vice Chair was deferred to the meeting to be held on February 5, 2020.

7.2 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Miles provided the following update:

- Dutch-Indonesian food and games night was a very successful event. A summary report provided by Charlie Minken was shared with the committee as well as a financial summary.
- Pen Pal and art exchange program is going well. Four Burlington elementary schools are participating. A sample letter from a Burlington teacher was shared with the committee. The theme for the art exchange is 'what does freedom mean to you'.
- The committee is looking for host families for the citizen delegation that will be travelling to Burlington in September 2020.
- Canada-Netherlands Friendship Day will be on May 30, 2020. Details to be confirmed.

7.3 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob provided the following update:

- Shared comments from students that visited from Japan in August. Most common comments were that the trip was too short, and how much they appreciated the hospitality. The highlights of the trip were Niagara Falls, Blue Jays game and pizza party.
- Working on an art exchange that will take place at the Art Gallery of Burlington from May 18-31, 2020.
- The Sakura Festival is planned for Saturday May 9, 2020, at the Art Gallery of Burlington. Arrangements for entertainment is underway.
- **Motion** - to spend up to \$200 for Japanese Swordmaker Pierre Nadeau's travel expenses. **Carried.**
- **Action** - Suzanne to take care of the partnership agreement with the Library for upcoming events.

- **Action** - Suzanne to meet with communications staff regarding social media plans for upcoming events.

7.4 United Nations subcommittee update

Shadi provided the following update:

- The UN Day subcommittee had a meeting on January 7, 2020.
- Planning started for an elementary school conference as well as a high school conference.
- The theme for the 2020 conferences will be climate action.
- **Action** - Suzanne to get a quote on the 3 pin designs that the committee narrowed down to as possible options. The new pin design will be for the high school conference only, the elementary school will continue to use the same pin as in the past.
- The City of Burlington will create and host the registration form and information.
- **Action** - Suzanne to find out if tickets for the Dutch-Indonesian event can be sold on line.
- **Action** - please send any ideas for speakers to Shadi.

8. Other Business:

8.1 Discussion on Friendship Cities

Hassan provided the following update:

- Summarized what was to be presented to committee and council for consideration.
- Explained the framework within the twinning relationship. Provided information and examples of what a friendship relationship would look like.
- Next steps would be to develop criteria for twinning at a friendship level.
- **Motion** - to show support for the proposed twinning structure to include partnership and friendship engagement levels. - **Carried.**

Councillor Nisan informed the committee about the Mayor's Key to the City initiative. It has been suggested that when the official delegation travels to Apeldoorn, a key to the city be presented to the Mayor of Apeldoorn. The

Mayor has asked if the cost of the key can come out of the Mundialization Committee budget.

The UN Day subcommittee is in need of adult volunteers. Please spread the word or if any members are not currently on a subcommittee please consider volunteering.

Action - Suzanne to include a running list of upcoming events on the agenda to aid in avoiding having multiple events on the same day.

Action - Marybeth will set up a shared google calendar for the committee.

9. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.