



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: October 6, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

1. Members Present:

Hassan Raza (Chair), Rob Lyng, Marybeth Curtain, Allan Dykstra, Allison Tan, Chris VanDooren, Aysha Rizwan, Brett Huttman, Alex Maveal

2. Member Regrets:

Leanne Cecil, Anne Koopman, Ryan Martin , Joanna Sparrow, Christa Papavasiliou

3. Others Present:

Councillor Nisan, Suzanne Gillies (Clerk), Clare Zavitz (observer)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held September 1, 2021

On motion the minutes from the meeting held September 1, 2021 were approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Chair update

Hassan informed the committee of the passing of fellow committee member Shadi Salehian. The committee shared a moment of silence and then shared memories and words of remembrance. The committee will

discuss what can be done by the committee in the way of memorial/remembrance for Shadi under other business.

7.2 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Allan provided the following updates:

- The results to a survey sent to potential host families for accommodating an exchange in September 2022 showed that families felt it was too early to make a decision. The committee will reach out again to potential host families closer when a decision is being made on hosting a citizen exchange.
- Canada Netherlands Friendship Day (CNFD) - can a live event take place in Civic Square in May 2022? Allan has agreed to take the lead on CNFD planning.
- Canada Day - July 2 and 3, 2022 in Apeldoorn, is this an opportunity for the subcommittee to participate and promote Burlington and the twin relationship? Councillor Nisan mentioned that 2022 is a municipal election year so there maybe restrictions on members of Council travelling.
- Is there a way to partner with Burlington Youth Soccer (BYS) to leverage the twin relationship during the world cup? BYS is interested in partnering with the committee to find ways to promote the twin relationship.
- There is a new Counsel General in Toronto from the Netherlands, Anne and Arnold would like to reach out and make a connection. The committee agreed that this is a good idea.

7.3 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob provided the following updates:

- Advised the committee of Mr. Kan Nakazawa's passing. Mr. Nakazawa was the Chair of the Itabashi Committee in Japan when the twin relationship was established and generously donated the Sakura trees that are in Spencer Smith Park and Itabashi Way among other contributions. Rob has sent condolences to be passed on to his family on behalf of the committee, Suzanne has sent condolences on behalf of the Mayor, Council members and the City of Burlington. Suzanne will share the condolences with the rest of the committee members.

- The Haiku workshop for children hosted by the library was very successful, 9 people registered while 5-7 participated. Is there an option to have participants submit poems to do a display at the library or City Hall? The next workshop is on November 11 for adults. The Consul General of Japan is running an event to submit Haiku poems and there is the opportunity to win awards. Can we connect participants with the contest? Committee members agreed that it would be appropriate to let workshop attendees know about the Haiku contest.
- Sakura Festival for 2022 - assumption that there will be a live event however it COVID once again prevents a live event the committee will host a virtual event. The committee made the decision to look into using the Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC) to host the event in 2022 reasons being that the event has outgrown the Art Gallery, the acoustics are not as good as at BPAC and there are additional costs for technology at the Art Gallery. The potential date of the festival is May 14 in the lobby of BPAC. Past performers have been contacted and some have been confirmed. There is an ongoing discussion with BPAC to incorporate an evening concert on the day of the festival, a ticketed event after the festival. Planning is taking into consideration all COVID restrictions.

7.4 United Nations subcommittee update

No update.

The subcommittee will need a Chair so Hassan asked the committee members to think about if they would be interested in the opportunity and anyone who might be interested or has questions about what the Chair role includes can reach out to Hassan privately to discuss further.

7.5 Website working group update

Suzanne advised the committee that Clerks staff will be meeting with communications staff to discuss the support given to advisory committees and ways to move forward strategically to best support committees and their initiatives. She will bring an update to the next meeting.

7.6 Developing new partnerships working group update

An update to this item has been deferred to the next meeting to be held on November 3, 2021. Anyone who wants to be part of this working group should reach out to Brett.

8. Other Business:

The Chair lead a discussion on the following:

- What can the committee do as a memorial for Shadi? The committee discussed a couple of ideas including a small scholarship in her name, memorial bench or tree, resolution at council. Please think about what would be an appropriate memorial and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

Councillor Nisan asked if members were interested in a COVID appropriate outdoor gathering. The committee seemed interested, Hassan to poll members regarding interest, dates, locations.

9. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15