



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: June 5, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Hybrid meeting- Virtual and Room 247 City Hall

1. Members Present:

Hassan Raza (Chair), Anne Koopman, Rob Lyng, Paula Hearn, Marybeth Curtin, Chris VanDooren, Mary- Anne Campanelli, Diana Tello, Paula El-Khoury

2. Member Regrets:

Councillor Rory Nisan, Allan Dykstra

3. Others Present:

Councillor Paul Sharman, Joanna Sparrow (former Mundialization member), Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read the land acknowledgement.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None.

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Minutes from the meeting held May 8, 2024 were approved.

7. Delegation(s):

None.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Presentation of the Shadi Salehian Memorial Model UN Youth Leadership Award

The United Nations subcommittee awarded Dr. Frank J. Hayden Secondary School student Alia Sayed and Assumption Catholic Secondary School student Thomas Antunes with the Shadi Salehian Memorial Model UN Leadership Award. The \$500 awards were presented by Councillor Paul Sharman.

Shadi was a champion of the student members of the UN team. The award is given to students who embody the ideals and vision of Model UN throughout their academic and extracurricular activities, show leadership, and are active participants in Model UN activities for 2+ years.

Members of Shadi's family were present for the award presentation.

8.2 Itabashi Sub-committee update

Marybeth and Rob provided an update:

- the Sakura Festival was a great success with good attendance. Discussions with BPAC have already commenced regarding a 2025 date.
- Hula Girls film will be presented on June 27th at the Burlington Central Library. It's a film about young women in a small Japanese town who look to revive their home's declining fortunes by building a Hawaiian village tourist attraction.
- The Sub-committee is supporting city staff with the upcoming official delegation from Itabashi, Japan at the end of the month.

8.3 Apeldoorn Sub-Committee update

Anne provided an update:

- the Canada Netherlands Friendship day event was well received. The school art and student video from Alton Village Public School was well received. Attendance was down this year. The sub-committee will consider more advertising and student participation for future events to help increase attendance.
- planning for the Apeldoorn citizen visit is well underway with a full itinerary. The sub-committee are finalizing host families for the visitors.

David Houtman, from Apeldoorn will arrive in Burlington on June 26 to discuss a potential youth soccer exchange in 2025.

the sub-committee purchased 2000 orange tulip bulbs for distribution in the community. 19 people signed up to receive bulbs at the CNFD event, other bulbs will be distributed to families participating in pen pal exchanges as well as host families. The orange tulips will be seen across the city in 2025. The city will plant orange tulips throughout the downtown as well. The tulips support the Paint the Town Oranje theme for 2025.

8.4 United Nations Sub-committee update

Paula provided an update:

- the committee continues to plan for the model UN day to be held Oct. 24, 2024 at City Hall. A flag raising at City Hall is also being planned for that day. Student members of the sub-committee are preparing background documents over the summer to prepare.

9. **Other Business:**

9.1 Food for Feedback, September 14, 2024

Members will attend the Food for Feedback event on September 14, 2024. The engagement tools from last year will be used to engage in conversation with the public in attendance and to inform them of Burlington's twin city relationships and the city's declaration to being a world community dedicated to international cooperation.

10. **Adjournment:**

Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.