



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: June 11, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, City Hall, second floor

1. Members Present:

Hassan Raza (Chair), Anne Koopman, Maryanne Campanelli, Adham Kandil, Chris van Dooren, Rachel Debling

2. Member Regrets:

Diana Tello, Marybeth Curtin, Allan Dykstra, Christine Greco, Annalisa Lochan

3. Others Present:

Councillor Rory Nisan, Lisa Palermo, Clerk and Roxanne Gosse, Clerk.

4. Land Acknowledgement:

Read by the Chair.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None.

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held May 14, 2025

The minutes of May 14, 2025 were approved as presented.

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 a student from M.M. Robinson Highschool and the second student from Central High School, with the

Shadi Salehian Memorial Model UN Leadership Award. The awards were presented by Councillor Rory Nisan.

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

The Japanese Consulate shared a post of the Sakura Festival, and there was a write-up in the Nikkei Voice. City Hall has displayed the student art from Itabashi in the atrium for Itabashi month (June). Pen pal letters are on their way to Itabashi. Tentative plans to have Sword Appreciation talk at the Central Library for Sept 27.

8.3 Apeldoorn Sub-Committee update

The art for Apeldoorn will be returned to Trinity Christian School and Brant Hills PS for display. The art from the Apeldoorn schools, Heuvellaan and Berg & Bos will be saved in the archives.

Sub-committee would like to continue the program, Miles requires assistance and someone in Apeldoorn needs to take on the vacant coordinator role.

Strengthening school ties by Sabrina Yott, Nelson High School teacher for the Community Pathway Program (CPP), maintains the Apeldoorn Friendship Garden. Sabrina and Rachel Debling may be able to help with the pen pal program.

Committee needs to think about recruiting for the Apeldoorn sub-committee, volunteers are leaving at the end of this year.

Citizen exchange, Apeldoorn to Burlington in September 2027 & Burlington to Apeldoorn in May 2028 or Burlington to Apeldoorn 2030. April/May Next official Mayor's delegation will be in 2030 for the 25th twinning.

It has been suggested by Miles that the book "Canada and the Netherlands", written by Julia Sinke, Canadian author, published in Canada, should be placed in all elementary school libraries, cost is approx. \$15.00 Cnd.

8.4 United Nations Sub-Committee update

Committee will be meeting to continue planning the United Nations Conference in October.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Food for Feedback September 13, 2025

Motion the committee approved participating in the Food for Feedback event September 13, 2025. Carried.

9.2 Resignation of Member

Anne Koopman the Chair of the Apeldoorn Sub-Committee formally submitted her resignation as of December 31, 2025 from the Mundialization Committee.

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.