

MINUTES: Hamilton Mundialization Committee Wednesday, March 18 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Room 192, Hamilton City Hall

- **Present:** Rein Ende, Jan Lukas, Pat Semkow, Bob Semkow, Justina Ku, Solomon Ngan, Eileen Noronha, Lan Whiting, Jeff Bonner, Yvonne Ricciardone and Tianzhi Zheng
- **Regrets:** Tammy Hwang, Planning & Economic Development

Also

- Present: Cindy Mercanti, Corporate Services (Customer Service, Access & Equity) Janet Pilon, City Manager's Office (City Clerk's Office) Mark Weingartner – Community & Emergency Services (Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives)
- **Guests:** Jason Song, Roger Yu, Yvonne Ghang and Wenkui Bai

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Rein Ende, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the Agenda. Add under "Matters for Discussion":

- 6.6 Membership Requirements
- 6.7 Resignations

The following items under "Matters for Discussion" will be tabled to the next meeting:

- 6.3 Photo Contest
- 6.4 Plans for 2015
- 6.5 Hiroshima Commemoration Event

(J. Bonner / P. Semkow)

That the March 18, 2015 Agenda, of the Hamilton Mundialization Committee meeting be accepted, as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of February 18, 2015

(J. Bonner/S. Ngan)

That the February 18, 2015 Minutes of the Hamilton Mundialization Committee be approved. **CARRIED.**

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

5.1 Chair

Chair Ende mentioned an event organized by Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at (AMJ) Hamilton: "Muhammad – the Astonishing Story of the Prophet" on Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School, 130 York Boulevard, Hamilton.

Correspondence has been received from Birmingham, England requesting information on twinning with the City of Hamilton.

The Peace Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 11:45 a.m. at Unitarian Church.

The Constitution of the Committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.2 Treasurer

Treasurer S. Ngan circulated his report to be discussed at the next meeting.

6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 City Budget Allocation Approval for 2015

The document received was amended to reflect the changes made to the membership.

(J. Bonner / B. Semkow)

That the Hamilton Mundialization Committee 2015 Volunteer Committees Budget Submission be approved, as amended.

CARRIED.

6.2 Sunset Garden

S. Ngan proposed using the Committee Raised Funds (CRF) to purchase a tree for the garden.

(J. Bonner / J. Ku)

That City staff are requested to look into the viability of using these funds. **CARRIED.**

6.3 Photo Contest

Jan Lukas noted that the information is not correct on the website.

(J. Bonner / J. Ku)

That J. Lukas will connect with City staff to discuss further.

CARRIED.

6.4 Plans for 2015

(J. Bonner / J. Ku)

That this item be deferred to the next meeting. CARRIED.

Hiroshima Commemoration Event 6.5

(J. Bonner / J. Ku)

That this item be deferred to the next meeting. CARRIED.

Membership Requirements 6.6

In order for the Committee to conduct business quorum is required (50% of the membership plus one). Quorum was met for this meeting.

6.7 Resignations

Chair Ende noted that he had received communications from Winston Manuel and Ida DeJesus that they were resigning from the Committee. Gloria Jackson is unable to attend meetings and has also requested to resign.

(J. Bonner / E. Noronha)

That resignations from Winston Manuel, Gloria Jackson and Ida DeJesus be received and they be removed from the membership CARRIED. listing.

James Kao and Tobias Lee have moved back to China and not attended meeting for two years. The Committee determined that this would be considered having resigned from the Committee.

(J. Bonner / E. Noronha)

That James Kao and Tobias Lee be removed from the Committee membership list. CARRIED.

The following Committee members will be contacted by the Chair before April 22 to determine if they wish to remain members and Jane Wanamaker, Sergey Pavlov, attend future meetings: Robert Winninger and Simon Granat. If no response is received, the Committee has decided that they will have tendered their resignation.

(S. Ngan / J. Bonner)

That the Chair will contact Jane Wanamaker, Sergey, Pavlov, Robert Winninger and Simon Grant by April 22. If no response is received indicating they would like to remain members of the Committee, the Committee will accept their lack of response as a resignation from the Committee. **CARRIED.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING DATES Wednesday, April 22, May 20 and June 17, 6:00 p.m., Room 192, City Hall.