

Hamilton Mundialization Advisory Committee



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What is Mundialization?

- “Mundialization” comes from the Latin word **mundus** meaning “world”
- Mundialization is specifically social-oriented whereas “globalization” has economic connotation
- an act whereby City Council declares its city to be a “*world city*”, interdependent with other communities worldwide.



History of Hamilton Mundialization

- Hamilton passed its Mundialization resolution on May 8, 1968, declaring itself a world city
- Flying the UN flag at city hall as part of being a mundialized ‘world’ city
- Includes twinning of cities around the world, in the belief that future peace and progress are dependent on co-operation, goodwill and understanding



Committee Purpose

- The purpose of the Committee shall be:
- a) to promote Hamilton as "A World (Mundialized) City" dedicated to global awareness, international cooperation and world law
- b) to further the work of the United Nations through publicity and education and to have the United Nations flag flown with the Canadian flag at City Hall at all times
- c) to undertake twinning programs in international cooperation with like-minded municipalities in this and other countries to foster an understanding of the increasing interdependence of the municipalities, peoples and countries of the world
- d) to involve Hamilton citizens of different cultures, especially those from the countries of our sister communities, to share in our multicultural programs
- e) to include representatives from City Council in the Committee for implementing the above programs.



Committee Purpose

- In simplified terms the committee's focus is to:
 - 1) Maintain Hamilton's twin city relationships
 - 2) Promote and support peace building work
 - 3) Advise and assist City Council in implementing its Mundialization resolution



Twin Cities

- Hamilton has ten twin cities throughout the world:

Shawinigan, Quebec	Ma'anshan, China
Kaga, Japan	Flint, MI, USA
Mangalore, India	Sarasota, FL, USA
Fukuyama, Japan	Valle Peligna, Italy
Racalmuto, Italy	Monterrey, Mexico



Twin Cities

- Occasional contact with twin cities in past through member visits and delegations
- Photo contest open to entries from residents of twin cities
 - the Mundialization Photo Contest is one of two major events, typically rotated every other year
- Display case at city hall, showcasing twin city gifts
- Currently in process of identifying and updating official points of contact with twin city governments to improve communication

Peace Work Promotion & Support

- Second major event:
World Citizenship Award
- Established in 1988
- Awarded to Hamilton citizens in recognition of peace work locally or world wide





Peace Work Promotion & Support

- Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial
- Annual event held on anniversary of either Hiroshima (Aug 6) or Nagasaki (Aug 9)
- Collaborative effort organized and supported by various local groups, with participation from the Hamilton Mundialization Committee



Plans for 2017

- Committee recently went through a review and re-start with more standard committee structure and membership
- January 18 meeting will be planning meeting to establish more specific goals and tasks
- World Citizenship Award in 2017, presentation in May to be confirmed
- In process of updating twin city display case, last done prior to committee review in for Pan Am games



Plans for 2017

- Some other tentative general goals:
 - establish better lines of communication and strengthen connections with twin cities
 - find new ways to build wider connections with local peace-oriented organizations
 - explore and increase committee work in role as advisory committee to council

