

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 **MEETING NO. 03-2023**
TIME: 12:05 P.M.
PLACE: HYBRID MEETING –
MCNAUGHTON ROOM & VIA MS TEAMS
CHAIR: MATTHEW VILLELLA

PRESENT :

Andrew Ault
Andrew Garro
Chris Krumpholz
Matthew Villella
Peng You
Michael Nicin, Lakehead University
Paul Pepe, Tourism Thunder Bay
Miriam Wall, Confederation College

OFFICIALS:

Krista Power, City Clerk
Tracie Smith, Director – Strategic Initiatives & Engagement
Tina Larocque, Coordinator – Boards, Committees and Special Projects

AGENDA

1.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures announced at this time.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Chris Krumpholz
SECONDED BY: Peng You

WITH RESPECT to the April 12, 2023 Sister Cities Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2023 of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee, held on March 1, 2023, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Andrew Garro
SECONDED BY: Peng You

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2023 held on March 1, 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4.0 DULUTH SIGNING AGREEMENT

The Chair Matthew Villella provided an overview of the discussion that had taken place with our Sister City in Duluth. He advised that they have a new Administrative Assistant Christy Rounds, and are sending a delegation to Thunder Bay this summer to sign the Sister Cities agreement.

The Duluth Sister Cities organization is hoping to bring a quartet and dancers, if they can obtain funding. A letter of support from the City Clerk was provided to Duluth to assist with their funding requests.

The Chair provided an overview of the Outlaw Bridge Ceremony that will be taking place at Grand Portage, Minnesota and the Duluth delegation has been invited by the Grand Portage Tribal Council for a luncheon on July 1st Canada Day.

The Committee discussed potential dates and events that would be appropriate for the delegation.

MOVED BY: Andrew Garro
SECONDED BY: Peng You

WITH RESPECT to the delegation from Duluth to Thunder Bay, the Office of the City Clerk will pursue July 1st as the date of the delegation.

CARRIED

The Chair requested if there were members that would like to place their name forward to participate on the sub committee to assist Tina with the planning of the delegation visit this summer. Committee members Andrew, Matthew, Chris and Peng You expressed interest to be on the Sub-Committee.

5.0 SISTER CITY UPDATES

5.1 Duluth Tourism Exchange

Paul Pepe, Manager of Tourism provided an overview of the Tourism Exchange and noted that the dates of the exchange have been changed to after summer and will provide more information once it becomes available.

5.2 Gifu City, Japan

Committee member Hiroko's report from her travel to Gifu City, Japan has been rescheduled to the next meeting being held in May, as she was not able to attend the Committee meeting.

5.3 Little Canada

The Chair provided an update relative to our Sister Cities relationship with Little Canada. He advised a letter has been sent by the Office of the City Clerk to the Mayor of Little Canada relative to the relationship.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Committee member biographies

The Committee discussed the Sister Cities webpage and the Committee members bios need to be updated. A reminder to all new Committee members to send in a bio and picture to the Office of the City Clerk and they will be updated.

7.0 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.