



MINUTES
CANADA 150
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE
October 3, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
York Room

Committee Members

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alex Chiu
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Karen Rea
Judi McIntyre, Community Member
Heinz Nitschke, Community Member
Carol Smith, Community Member
Lorne Smith, Community Member
John Webster, Community Member
Mary Webster, Community Member

Staff

Stephen Chait, Director of Culture & Economic Development
Sandra Tam, Senior Business Development Officer
Vanessa Rhodes, Acting Manager, Access & Privacy;
Committee Clerk

Regrets:

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of
Community & Fire Services
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Joe Lu, Community Member

The Canada 150 International Partnerships Sub-committee convened at 4:06 PM with Regional Councillor Li as the Chair.

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

That the minutes of the August 23, 2017 Canada 150 International Partnerships Sub-committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

2. Report on the Outcomes and Activities of the Visiting Delegations

a) Mandate achieved

Ms. Sandra Tam provided an overview of the City's activities of the visiting delegations to the committee.

Ms. Tam confirmed that the Sub-committee achieved its mandate to foster national pride, created lasting legacies, and engaged residents, stakeholders and businesses in the City's Canada 150 celebrations.

A summary of the activities that took place was provided to the Committee. The following activities were held:

1. 10-member cultural delegation from Nanhai performed a high-pile lion dance at the City's Canada Day festivities.
2. Delegations from Cary and Nordlingen visited ventureLAB, IBM Innovation Space, Huawei Canada, Main Street Unionville, Renginton Presentation Centre, Nordlingen Park Tree Dedication, Berczy Statue dedication ceremony, Markham Museum, Main Street Markham Classic Car Show, Markham Expo, and the Markham Civic Centre.

b) Results

The Committee achieved its intended mandate and results, which were:

- Fostering national and community pride
- Strengthening Markham's partnerships and sister cities relations internationally
- Create friendships and new opportunities for collaboration among sister cities

3. Thank you to Sub-Committee Members

Regional Councillor Li expressed his thanks to each committee member for their work on the committee, and to the Staff who cleaned Berczy Square prior to the dedication ceremony.

Ms. Tam also extended a thank you to each of the committee members for their work on the activities that took place for the visiting delegations.

4. Discussion

Mr. John Webster noted that the Cary delegation had an enjoyable visit and Deputy Mayor Heath congratulated Mr. and Ms. Webster for their work pertaining to strengthening the City's relationship with Cary.

Mr. Lorne Smith noted that Mr. Aksel Rinck was pleased with the City's events, and the thank-you gifts were well received. Councillor Rea advised that she will send Mr. Rinck pictures from the events.

Mr. Smith discussed the option for the City to host cultural events where different cultures are showcased together, which would highlight the diversity of the City. Regional Councillor Armstrong agreed that the City should host a signature event that would showcase the City's diverse cultures.

5. Adjournment

The International Partnerships Sub-committee meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

CARRIED.