



**MINUTES**  
**CANADA 150**  
**INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**August 23, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - Noon**  
**Canada Room**

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**Committee Members**

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

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The Canada 150 International Partnerships Sub-committee convened at 11:04 AM with Regional Councillor Li as the Chair.

**1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

That the minutes of the July 26, 2017 Canada 150 International Partnerships Sub-committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

## 2. Updates

### a. Delegation List

Sandra Tam provided the committee with an update regarding the confirmed list of names of the delegates who will be visiting the City of Markham. Sandra advised that the delegation from Cary will be arriving in Markham on two separate dates, which are September 8-10 and September 9-11<sup>th</sup>. The dates on slide 3 of the presentation will be corrected to reflect these dates.

Heinz Nitschke provided the committee with an update regarding the Nordlingen delegation. He advised that 12 delegates have confirmed their visit to Markham, and they will pay for their own transportation to Algonquin Park. Stephen Chait advised that the City of Markham cannot provide any additional funds to cover activities outside of the confirmed program/itinerary for any of the visiting delegations.

### b. Transportation

Stephen Chait advised the committee that a coach bus has been reserved and will pick up Mayor Faul and Councillors from the airport on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The delegates who leave Markham on September 10<sup>th</sup> will be taken to the airport by the coach bus. The remaining delegates will depart Markham on September 11<sup>th</sup> and will be taken to the airport by Town+Country BMW, which has provided four complimentary cars with drivers for the day.

### c. Itinerary

Sandra Tam provided an updated itinerary to the committee. Councillor Rea requested that the allotted time for lunch on September 8<sup>th</sup> be extended to an hour and a half to ensure sufficient time for travel to the location for lunch. Stephen Chait advised that it is the City's policy to not to expense alcohol, however, the By-law permits alcohol to be expensed during special occasions. Therefore, because there are two international visiting Mayors, alcohol may be expensed for this lunch.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the entire committee is invited to join the delegates at 12:30 p.m. at Jakes on Unionville Main Street. Heinz Nitschke noted that the delegation will not be travelling with a translator, and therefore he should attend the program in its entirety to provide the delegation with translation services. The committee agreed to have Heinz attend the program in its entirety.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Berczy Statue Official Dedication Ceremony will be attended by Officials from the Provincial and Federal governments and the German Consulate. Stephen advised that Operations staff along with staff from TACC will be onsite the morning of the Dedication ceremony to clean the road as well as the areas around the monument. Parking for the event will be available at the Montessori school. Lorne Smith advised the committee that the bench has been donated from Aksel Rinck and not the City of Nordlingen.

The proposed itinerary for September 9<sup>th</sup> included the "History of Markham" book preview, however, given the number of items on the agenda, Stephen Chait suggested to remove the book preview from the agenda to allow the focus of the book unveiling on Sunday. Lorne will contact the Historical Society and request the removal of the book preview from Saturday's agenda. The committee agreed to remove the book preview from the Saturday program.

Sandra advised that the reception for the delegations will be held on Saturday as some delegates are scheduled to leave Sunday afternoon. Hosting the reception on Saturday will ensure that all delegates are in attendance.

The committee would like to revise the pick-up time from the hotel on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> to 9 a.m. rather than 9:30 a.m. to ensure sufficient travel time to the classic car show on Main Street Markham before leaving for the Markham Expo at 11:30 a.m.

On Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, the remaining delegates will attend lunch at Mandarin on Woodbine, hosted by Deputy Mayor Heath. Sandra will make reservations for noon, and requested the committee to send her an email identifying which parts of the program each committee member will be attending.

#### d. Gift Items

The gifts that will be given to the delegations will include:

- “Markham 1900-2000”, with a note from the Mayor
- Canada 150 pins and cushion covers
- Certificate of visit, framed and signed by Mayor
- Canadian art prints

Councillor Rea requested that the Canadian art prints be removed from the gifts because the delegates previously received art during their last visit.

#### e. Community Engagement

The committee discussed methods for community engagement. Invitations will be sent to local community members. The City’s Corporate Communications and Engagement Department will be responsible for ensuring there is sufficient media coverage of the arrival of the delegations.

### 3. Next Meeting

The final Canada 150 International Partnerships Sub-committee meeting will be held on October 3, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the York Room.

### 5. Adjournment

The International Partnerships Sub-committee meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED.