



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: October 1, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, City Hall, second floor

1. Members Present:

Hassan Raza, Adham Kandil, Rachel Debling, Annalisa Lochan, Anne Koopman, Marybeth Curtin, Chris VanDooren

2. Members Regrets:

Allan Dykstra, Christine Greco, Diana Tello

3. Others Present:

Councillor Nisan, Lisa Palermo (Clerk) and Roxanne Gosse (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held September 3, 2025

Minutes from the meeting held on September 3, 2025, was approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Land Acknowledgement:

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Itabashi Sub-committee update

- a. September 27, 2025, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Japanese Sword Appreciation (Central Library)

Santé Tonellato, demonstrates the beauty of Japanese sword fittings and other Samurai equipment, and shares some sword masterpieces from his extensive collection.

The event went very well, with a registration of 37 people.

- b. Update:

Marybeth indicated its a good time to rethink community outreach, one idea is to consider drop in events at community centres. The committee could provide activities, learn a bit more about Itabashi. i.e. Origami presentations, a film night at the Library, also lectures. There needs to be conversation as ho to promote these actives, through social media and maybe visual advertising. The suggestion of walking tours on all the locations that represent Itabashi.

The subcommittee is looking for volunteers for next years Sakura Festival which is scheduled for May 9th at BPAC.

8.2 Apeldoorn Sub-committee update

The Mundialization Committee with the committee in Apeldoorn proposed to work collaboratively together on a digital newsletter. The newsletter with feature news and stories of mutual interest and to showcase the value of our city partnership. This is on going initiative and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

8.3 UN Sub-committee update

- a. United Nations Day - October 24, 2025

United Nations Day, Oct 24, 2025

The event has been shortened to half a day. This event is only open to invited Halton high school students. The students would arrive and the event will begin at 10:00 a.m. We will have a speaker on Disaster Management in Ukraine and the role of the UN. Flag rising is at 11 to 11:30 a.m. (this is open to the public).

There is a subcommittee meeting on Oct 6 to finalize elements of the event.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Upcoming Mayor's Speaker's Series

The committee will be setting up a booth at the Mayor's Speaker Series. Our Chair Hassan Raza will be on the panel for the Mayor's Speaker Series. The committee will require volunteers to set up, operate and take down the booth. Lisa (Clerk) to provide more information on the event.

9.2 Spencer Smith Park - Tree Renewal Project

Lisa (Clerk) will provide more information of the Tree renewal project at Spencer Smith Park at the meeting with the plan.

9.3 Recruitment

Recruitment begins in late October, the Mundialization committee is look for new members. Once recruitment has been launch Roxanne (Clerk) to provide info to committee.

9.4 Food for Feedback follow up

The event went really well. For next year, to have a different source of engagement with the public. Look into have a QR Code for all future events.

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.