



## Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

### Minutes

Date: January 7, 2026  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Room 247, City Hall, second floor

**1. Members Present:**

Chris VanDooren (Chaired the meeting), Hassan Raza, Christine Greco, Allan Dykstra, Adham Kandil, Marybeth Curtin, Annalisa Lochan

**2. Member Regrets:**

Diana Tello, Rachel Debling

**3. Others Present:**

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

**4. Land Acknowledgement**

The Chair read the land acknowledgement.

**5. Declarations of Interest:**

None

**6. Approval of Minutes:**

6.1 Minutes of the meeting held on November 5, 2025, were approved.

**7. Delegation(s): None**

**8. Regular Items:**

8.1 Itabashi Sub-committee

- The pen pal letters from Itabashi are on route and will be passed on to M.M. Robinson students in the next few weeks.
- May 9, 2026 is the confirmed date of the Sakura Festival and planning is underway. Sub-committee members have initiated

conversations with the Burlington Performing Arts Centre to make arrangements.

- March 7, 2026, the sub-committee is coordinating a drop-in event at Tansley Woods Community Centre, from 10 am to 12 noon, in Room 3. Members will provide participants with face painting, scavenger hunt, calligraphy and origami activities and treats.
- Staff to update the website (events calendar) with 2025 Sakura event and this year's date.
- Staff to create Sakura posters ahead of time so that the Sakura Festival can be advertised at the March 7th event.

## 8.2 Apeldoorn Sub-committee

- Members are working on the newsletter that will be completed by mid-January. Includes articles provided by both Burlington and Apeldoorn. All articles are available in both Dutch and English and will be published in the DeKrant February newsletter. The goal is to increase awareness of the Burlington-Apeldoorn twinning relationship. The sub-committee will provide paper copies when they are available.
- Currently members are working on a FIFA world cup event for 2026. The first match is the Netherlands vs. Japan. The Clerk will arrange a meeting between Mundialization members and staff in Recreation, Community and Culture to see if there can be some collaboration between committee and staff events.

## 8.3 United Nations Sub-committee

- Students (Agamya and Dasnoor) and the rest of the UN Sub-committee are actively organizing a Model United Nations event on Friday, Feb. 27th. The sub-committee needs volunteers from the Mundialization Committee. The committee would like Mayor Meed Ward to bring welcome remarks at the event, staff will be reaching out to the Mayors office. Also, would like Councillor Nisan to provide remarks at the end of the event.
- The sub-committee will be providing details about the Shadi Salehian Memorial Model UN Leadership Award at the next meeting.

## 9. Other Business:

9.1 The annual report and 2026 budget

The clerk reminded sub-committee members to provide their draft 2025 annual reports and 2026 workplan and budget reports for review and approval at the Feb. 4th Mundialization meeting.

**10. Adjournment:**

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.