Hamilton Mundialization Executive Committee  
Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 6:00 p.m.  
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

Present:  Rein Ende, Bob Semkow, Eileen Noronha, Pat Semkow, Margaret Firth, Heng Chan, Jane Lee, Anne Termaten, Ravi Gokani, Eddie Lee, Rui Zou

Also Present:  Jane Lee, Customer Service, Access & Equity Division  
Eddie Lee, Mayor’s Office

Regrets:  Ida De Jesus, Solomon Ngan, Rob Winninger, Gloria Jackson, Andy Chen, Jane Wanamaker, Fernando Montero, Joan Browning

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Rein Ende – Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  

Moved: Margaret Firth  Seconded: Ravi Gokani  CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF (conflict of) INTEREST  
None declared.

4. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS  
The Chair welcomed two new members:

Ravi Gokani  
Eddie Lee, from The Mayor’s Office (Community Relations Officer)

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING of September 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2008  

Moved: Eileen Noronha  Seconded: Bob Semkow,  
That the September 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2008 minutes of the Mundialization Committee be approved as circulated.  CARRIED.  
(There was no meeting held in October, 2008)

6. REPORTS:
6.1 Thank you note from the Children’s International Centre, in memory of Doug Davies, a former chair of our committee.

6.2 Congratulations to Heng Chen for his participation and organization of the Sakura-Kaga-Dundas Event. All who helped to make this such a success did a wonderful job. It was noted that the celebration was a real happy event, and that over 125 people attended. The auditorium was packed with both sides of the Kaga exchange students from 1970, the Japanese community and Mundialization people from Hamilton. The Japanese Consul remarked that he believed that we did a much more culturally immersed celebration than Toronto.

Margaret asked if there were any pictures taken, it is believed that there were and that they will be posted on the Hamilton web site.

Heng thanked all of the Committee who attended and helped. They included Bob and Pat Semkow, Jane Lee, Anne Termaten and Rob Winninger, who produced and executed the light show.

Rein has sent out thank you notes to our corporate sponsors, New Century Education and Travel, Kids For Kaga and the National Association of Japanese Canadians, Hamilton Chapter.

We were well within our budget that had been set aside for this function.

6.3 Gloria was not able to be in attendance. Therefore, the report was deferred to a later date. Jane Lee did give us some insight into what is happening with the renovations to City Hall and that we might want to check about the Peace Garden as the renovations have escalated.

6.4 Jane also spoke about the web site that The Mundialization Committee has and that it is sorely out of date. The web site is not being updated and that reflects badly on us. It shows pictures from 2005 and sites events that have long taken place. The City does have a link to the Committee on their web site (it is very hard to access) and perhaps this is enough. Jane mentioned that there is a list of the cities that we are twinned with plus other information.

We have a web site and Rein gave us a little of the background as to how we had this set up for us originally. He will take on the task of investigating just where we are with the company that set it up at the beginning and where it is going in the future as to updates etc. It was set up for free and is hosted free, but does not seem to have anyone from this committee liaising with the web company. Therefore, nothing seems to have been updated since 2005.

6.5 The Photo Contest has been judged and the winners notified. Rein passed around copies of the photos for us all to see and will send out thank you notes to
all of the participants. The winning photos are posted on the City of Hamilton’s web site.

6.6 The Gandhi-King Day, Saturday October 4th, the Peace Festival and the Dinner, was well attended by members of our committee. We sponsored a table of ten and filled it with members, friends, and relatives. Everyone agreed that it was a worthwhile event to attend. It is a recurring event every October.

Ravi, said that being so young and from his point of view, it was very meaningful to hear someone speak who had been part of the movement. It gave him a gateway into the era.

Bob and Pat attended the 75th Anniversary of Stalin’s genocide against the Ukrainians. It was well attended and looks to be a recurring event.

7. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

7.1 BUDGET FOR 2009

Jane Lee reported on the Budget submission to City Council:

Budget for 2008 $5,890

(After all invoices are collected, we should have a surplus of $862. If this is not used by the end of 2008, it will go into the Reserve Account)

Budget for 2009 $5,890

MOTION FOR APPROVAL:

To approve the Budget request of $5,890 for 2009

moved by Heng Chan, seconded by Bob Semkow. CARRIED.

7.2 SARASOTA ART CONTEST – “Embracing Our Differences”

Notices have been sent out to schools

Dead line is January 2009

7.3 EVENTS TO BE PLANNED FOR 2009

- Shawinigan’s anniversary should be recognized in 2009
- Other cities have applied to be twinned with Hamilton.
- Connections with other centres sometimes have nothing to do with the Mundialization Committee but they must be addressed

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• Fukuyama, Japan - Bob has sent a letter to them and has received an answer back wanting to re-establish the long relationship that we have had with this city.
• Maanshan, China - A letter was received from their Mayor who is planning a visit in December. If this comes to fruition a lunch or dinner will be planned and the cost shared equally by the City of Hamilton and the Mundialization Committee.
• The Mundialization Committee will send out New Year’s greetings to all our Sister Cities. We will wait to see who replies and what their reaction to the greeting is.
• In 2009, we need to reflect as to who our twin cities are what involvement we have with that city.

7.4 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ARCHIVES

• Rein has some files
• Jane’s office may know where they are – in long term storage
• Jane mentioned that some information has been sent back to the Mayor’s office

8. DATES FOR NEXT YEAR’S MEETINGS,

Usually the third Wednesday of the month
Next Meeting Dec. 17th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

A discussion was held re the next meeting. It is our last meeting in 2008 and is traditionally our Holiday Celebration. Rein suggested that the December meeting be held at his house and would be a potluck. All those at the meeting agreed with this plan.

Meeting Dates in 2009: Jan. 21st, Feb. 18th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, (AGM), June 17th, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.