Hamilton Mundialization Executive Committee  
April 16, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.  
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre  

- MINUTES -

PRESENT: Rein Ende (Chair), Bob Semkow, Heng Chan, Pat Semkow, Gloria Jackson, Jane Wanamaker, Ida De Jesus, Margaret Firth, Eileen Noronha, Anne Termaten, Justine Ku, Rui Zou, Shirley Lau, Andy Chen

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Lee

REGRETS: Joan Browning, Solomon Ngan, Rob Winninger

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  
(P.Semkow/M.Firth)  
That the agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF (CONFLICT OF) INTEREST  
None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
(Jackson/Wanamaker)  
That the minutes from the March 19, 2008 meeting of the Mundialization Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS  

5.1 The committee received a letter of regret from Hannah Newcombe who is not able to attend the World Citizenship Award event. Hannah is the founding member of the Mundialization Committee and a previous winner of the WCA.

5.2 Fukuyama – 2000 – agenda from eNet

5.3 Audit & Admin Committee

A brief update of the presentation to the Audit and Administration Committee was provided to the committee members. It was noted that the presentation was well
done and very well received. Council Powers had noted his connection with former Kaga, Japan activities, and a suggestion that John Mills of Dundas should be kept in mind for activities related to the anniversary of twinning with Shawinigan, due to his previous connections and involvement with Shawinigan.

6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 Update: World Citizenship Award
It was noted that Councillor McHattie would be representing the Mayor at this event. Jane will check to see if Councillor McHattie's wife will be joining him. Committee members made note of who was attending the event and the pre-reception. There will possibly be the need for 4 tables for the Mundialization Committee and friends. Rein will contact Councillor McHattie with respect to his role in terms of bringing greetings and presentation of the award.

6.2 Update: Mangalore Celebration at Indian Dinner
The committee has reserved a table for 10, and is acting as a sponsor. There are 2 subsidized tickets, as well as the opportunity for a display. Eileen reported that the gift that was delivered from Hamilton to Mangalore had been presented to the Mayor. Sent photos of Mayor and presenting gift to the Mayor of Mangalore. Eileen also noted that the language in use in the Mangalore area is the Kannada language. It was also noted that English is widely used in India.

6.3 Japan – Kaga – Dundas Event
Heng Chan provided a progress report on the event to take place on October 8, 2008 at the Dundas Town Hall. It was confirmed that the Mayor & Councillor Russ Powers are available. The Dundas Pipe Band will lead the ceremony. Heng has met with the Sakura project people. Staff from Forestry have looked at the site and believe that there is room for 2 trees. There will not be any fireworks. There is a slide show of the 20th anniversary event in Japan that was attended by a former Mayor of Dundas. The Kaga organizing group has gathered members and is looking for previous members and children involved in the previous exchanges. Jane will draft a letter for the Mayor to send to the sister cities recognizing the anniversaries. Rein to contact Anna Bradford with respect to the plaque for the tree planting with the sample wording from Heng Chan.

6.4 Update: Photo Contest
Jane provided an update on the development and work required by IT for the photo competition. English can be used on the information/letter for India. Jane is meeting with IT next week. The prizes were clarified – one grand prize, 2 additional category prizes, and 4 prizes from the 4 Cities involved.

6.5 Sarasota Visit – June & September
Anne shared some information about a Sarasota Annual project/art display called Embracing Our Differences. On June 3rd, Gloria & Teri will arrive; they are staying until the 8th. Perhaps there can be a meet & greet. Anne will e-mail us the itinerary. The Mayor of Sarasota may come in September. There will be 20-40 people for the September visit. It was suggested that there be an Ambassador
from the Mundialization Committee to join the group – one each day. There should also be a Meet & Greet event, and we should try to arrange for the Mayor to attend, particularly if the Mayor of Sarasota is attending.

6.6 Annual Meeting: Membership Fee, Nomination Committee, Other Plans

(Semkow/Chan)
That the membership fee for individual memberships to the Hamilton Mundialization Committee be set at zero; and

That the membership fee for the Hamilton Mundialization Committee for organizations be set at $25.00 CARRIED.

The Nominating Committee was formed as follows: Ida de Jesus, and Margaret Firth. Gloria provided regrets for the Annual General Meeting; she will continue to stand as the liaison for Peace Initiatives.

The committee decided to order a few additional refreshments for the Annual General Meeting in case other guests attend. The committee will meet after the meeting at Rein’s house for refreshments and a cake honouring the twinning anniversaries this year.

6.7 Peace Garden on City Hall Grounds
The Mundialization Committee are lending moral support to the proposal for a peace garden. Gloria is to meet with representatives of the Culture of Peace and the inter-Faith Council to find out more information. Jane is to contact Gerry Davis to see what the approach should be in terms of process.

6.8 Mundialization Pin
Margaret is to contact Carolann Fernandes to see if she knows who we ordered them from. Justina will get a quote in China. A discussion took place about the colour of the pin. Bob pointed out that possibly the colour of the United Nations

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dates to remember:
May 3, Indian Heritage Month dinner & Mangalore 40th celebration
May 8, WCA: reception @ 6 p.m., ceremony @ 7 p.m.
May 21, Annual Meeting, elections, reports, etc.
June 18, first meeting of new HMC executive committee
October 8, “Dundas Municipal Service Centre” - Sakura + Kaga