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Windsor, Ontario April 12, 2012

A meeting of the **International Relations Committee** is held this day commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in the Town of Walkerville Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall, there being present the following members:

Councillor Drew Dilkens, Chair  
Councillor Percy Hatfield  
Councillor Ron Jones  
Councillor Maghnieh  
Jerry Barycki  
Guy DiPonio  
Blake Roberts  
Dr. Frank Simpson

**Also present are the following resource personnel:**

Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robert Barlozzari, Council Assistant  
Karen Kadour, (A) Committee Coordinator  
Beth Toldo, Council Agenda Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:10 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

**2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

Councillor Maghnieh discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Agenda Item 4.4 dealing with exchange students and the four area school boards as the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board is his employer.

**3. MINUTES**

Moved by Dr. Frank Simpson, seconded by Councillor Maghnieh,  
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee meeting held  
September 29, 2011 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Moved by B. Roberts, seconded by Councillor Hatfield  
That the notification of the retirement of Deputy Mayor Nobuyuki Arai of the City of Fujisawa **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

4.2 Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by B. Roberts  
That the invitation from the twin city of Mannheim Germany to participate in their yearly international youth soccer tournament ("B-Junioren" Tournament 2012) **BE RECEIVED**, and further, that information on this yearly event **BE SENT** to local soccer clubs to serve as advance notification for future years.

Carried.

4.3 Moved by G. DiPonio, seconded by Dr. F. Simpson  
That the notification from twin city Changchun, China advising that Mr. Jiang Zhiying was elected Mayor of Changchun and assumed his responsibilities effective March 3, 2012 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by B. Roberts

That Rule 3.2 (1) of *Procedure By-law, 98-2011 as amended* **BE WAIVED** to add the following Agenda item:

4.4 News/Propositions from twin city Lublin Poland (e-mail dated March 6, 2012)

5.5 Travel information from twin city Gunsan, South Korea (e-mail dated April 10, 2012)

Carried.

4.4 Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Jones  
That the correspondence from Agnieszka Malyska of Lublin, Poland dated March 6, 2012 and administrations verbal update regarding the completion of Ms. Ms. Malyska's requests **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

5.1 **International Desk Exchange Program**

Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer is present to speak to the International Desk Exchange Program and advises she visited Mannheim, Germany on the International Relations Committee behalf in 2011.

The salient points of discussion relating to the invitation are as follows:

- City of Windsor CAO has met with both Ron Gaudet, CEO, WEEDC and Tony Paniccia Manager, Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator
- The fee arrangement is spelled out in the agreement with Mannheim
- Agreement establishes the relationship (low cost help for use of office, space, computers, etc.)
- Involvement of other twin cities is possible through the IRC
- This idea should be forwarded to Council for support.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by Councillor Jones

That the administrative report entitled “Invitation to Participate in an International Desk Exchange Program through the Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator” **BE FORWARDED** to City Council for support.

Carried.

5.2 **Mannheim 2012 Film Festival**

R. Barlozzari distributes an e-mail dated April 5, 2012 from Jana Garbrecht regarding Bermuda Shorts – International Short Film Festival in Mannheim, **attached** as Appendix “A”.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by B. Roberts

That the information supplied by Dr. Peter Jurz and Jana Garbrecht (Mannheim Germany) regarding the “Bermuda Shorts” International Short Film Festival **BE FORWARDED** to Peter Coady, Executive Director, Windsor International Film Festival Coordinator.

Carried.

5.3 **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Dinner 2012 (Windsor-Las Vueltas)**

Moved by Councillor Maghnieh, seconded by Councillor Hatfield

That the purchase of eight tickets sponsoring the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Dinner 2012 to benefit Windsor’s twin city Las Vueltas, El Salvador in the amount of \$200.00 **BE APPROVED**.

Carried.

Moved by R. Blake, seconded by Councillor Hatfield

That an invitation **BE EXTENDED** to children in Las Vueltas, El Salvador to attend the International Children's Games to be held in Windsor Ontario in the summer of 2013.

Carried.

#### 5.4 **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrating Twinning with Fujisawa, Japan**

Moved by Dr. F. Simpson, seconded by G. DiPonio

That an invitation **BE EXTENDED** to the official delegation from Fujisawa, Japan who will be visiting Windsor arriving June 30, 2012 to include them in the Canada Day Parade; and further, that notification **BE GIVEN** to the organizers of the Canada Day Parade of such participation in the parade.

Carried.

Moved by Dr. F. Simpson, seconded by G. DiPonio

That since 2012 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning of Fujisawa, Japan and Windsor, Ontario, that consideration **BE GIVEN** to accept the invitation to attend the series of ceremonies planned in Fujisawa in late September/early October 2012 to mark the occasion.

Carried.

#### 5.5 **Visitation from Gunsan, South Korea**

R. Barlozzari distributes an e-mail dated April 10, 2012 from Dahee Kim, Gunsan, South Korea regarding the "draft Gunsan delegation itinerary", **attached** as Appendix "B".

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by G. DiPonio

That the International Relations Committee **EXTEND** an invitation to the business delegation from Gunsan, South Korea to attend Windsor Ontario in May or June 2012, during Festival Season, and further,

That C S Wind **BE INVOLVED** in discussions with the visiting delegates.

Carried.

#### 5.6 **Invitation – 1<sup>st</sup> International Sister Cities Mayor's Conference, Changchun, China**

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by Councillor Maghnieh

That the invitation extended by Windsor's twin city Changchun, China for Mayor Francis and two municipal representatives to be guests at their 1<sup>st</sup> International Sister Cities Mayors Conference September 13-17, 2012 **BE**

**ACCEPTED** with a determination of who will accompany Mayor Francis to be made at a later date, and further that the visit to Changchun China **BE COORDINATED** with the 2012 visits planned to South Korea and Japan to facilitate better economic travel value.

Carried.

### 5.7 Twin City Monument Project Submission

The salient points of discussion relating to the Twin City Monument Project are as follows:

- Members had concerns over potential vandalism to the outdoor monument
- The Chair indicates there has been little interest from the community on this project. Interviews have been conducted with local media and the IRC has reached out to the University of Windsor and St. Clair College along with the Arts Council for support/involvement.
- Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer has suggested involving Cathy Masterson, Manager of Cultural Affairs, along with Mark Odette representing the Odette Sculpture Garden, and the Community Public Arts Committee members as they may have creative ideas on how to proceed with this monument project.
- Members indicated they wanted one piece of art that is representing all of Windsor's Twin Cities. It should be expandable art, where any new Twin Cities can be added in the future.
- Members suggested etching the hallway windows of the Mayor's Office (similar to the "Rose" etching on the Mayor's door) to identify all Twin Cities (i.e. street signs with names of Twin Cities, or flags representing the individual countries were suggested)

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by J. Barycki

That a letter of thanks **BE FORWARDED** to local artist Mark Lefebvre acknowledging his design submitted for the monument in Jackson Park of the Global Village Garden.

Carried.

Moved by B. Roberts, seconded by G. Diponio

That the Manager of Cultural Affairs, along with the Director of the Art Gallery of Windsor, Mark Odette representing the Odette Sculpture Garden, and a member of the Community Public Arts Advisory Committee **BE CONSULTED** for expertise and suggestions on proceeding with the design and development of a monument in Jackson Park that will represent all Windsor Twin Cities; and further,

That the Manager of Cultural Affairs and the Director of Art Gallery of Windsor **BE INVITED** to the next scheduled meeting of the International Relations Committee.

Carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

2013 International Children's Games

The PowerPoint presentation prepared by Nora Romero, Community Development Officer, Office of the Mayor entitled "International Children's Games Windsor Essex 2013, August 14-19, 2013, A Presentation to International Relations Committee" is attached as Appendix "C".

The salient points of discussion relating to the 2013 International Children's Games are as follows:

- A PowerPoint presentation was viewed by members of the IRC Committee that was prepared by Nora Romero, Community Development Officer, Office of the Mayor.
- It was noted that the dates of the ICG overlap with 2013 AMO Convention
- \$2,000,000 is the fundraising goal
- School involvement begins in September 2012
- Local media (TSN, CTV, CBC) should be contacted concerning coverage
- Include Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island in promotion material
- Mayors and dignitaries from all twin cities to be invited to attend reception at WFCU Centre
- Nora Romero, Community Development Officer to attend the next IRC meeting to formally present her PowerPoint presentation and answer all questions concerning the 2013 International Children's Games
- J. Barycki is scheduled to visit Poland in June 2012 and will be provided with an ICG informational package to bring to Lublin Poland contact people
- It should be noted that 2013 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning with St. Etienne, France and with Coventry, England

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Dr. F. Simpson

That the International Relations Committee agrees **TO SUPPORT** the 2013 International Children's Games Mayors Welcome Reception to be held at the WFCU Centre and ear-mark \$6,000 over two years toward that effort.

Carried.

Twin City Outreach

The salient points of discussion relating to this issue are as follows:

- Travel arrangements need to be discussed and finalized concerning:
  - One IRC representative to attend twin city Granby, Quebec,

- One IRC representative to attend twin cities Udine, Italy and St. Etienne, France
- One IRC representative to attend twin city Coventry, England
- One IRC representative to attend twin city Lublin, Poland
- Two IRC representatives to attend 2012 International Children’s Games in Daegu, Korea (July 12-July 17, 2012)
- It is recognized that it would be most beneficial if there was an event going on during the time of the visit that would benefit Windsor’s International Relations Committee.
- Travel “outreach” should be done in 2012 giving our twin cities advance notice of the International Children’s Games being held in Windsor 2013, so their travel plans to Windsor can be finalized.

Moved by Councillor Maghnieh, Councillor Hatfield

That representatives from the International Relations Committee **BE SELECTED** at a future meeting to attend Granby, Quebec; Udine, Italy & St. Etienne, France; Coventry, England; and the International Children’s Games to be held in Daegu, Korea.

Carried.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:49 o’clock p.m.

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR (A)