

International Relations Committee Meeting held April 23, 2019

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 406, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor Fabio Costante
Councillor Gary Kaschak (arrives at 3:03 p.m.)
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Jerry Barycki
Maria Belenkova
Scott Despins
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma
Steven Spagnuolo
L.T. Zhao (arrives at 3:01 p.m.)

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Committee Coordinator calls the meeting to order at 3:00 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows;

2. Election of Chair

The Committee Coordinator calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Councillor Sleiman nominates Councillor Francis, seconded by Councillor Costante. The Committee Coordinator asks if there are further nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Seeing none, the Committee Coordinator asks Councillor Francis if he accepts. Councillor Francis accepts and assumes the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Costante,
That Councillor Fred Francis **BE ELECTED** Chair of the International Relations
Committee.

Carried.

The Chair invites the members to introduce themselves and asks that members who previously sat on the Committee, to narrate some of the highlights of their past experiences as follows:

- Opportunity to meet City Councillors and people from other Twin Cities and to establish business relationships.
- Enjoyed representing the City of Windsor as a member of the IRC, and the Children's Art Exchange.
- Committee did unprecedented work, i.e. invited all of the Twin Cities to Windsor's 125th Birthday Celebration.
- A delegation led by Mayor Dilkens visited Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea to celebrate the Anniversary of twinning with the City of Windsor.

The document entitled "Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor", is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "A".

Councillor Sleiman suggests a possible twinning with a city in Lebanon because of Windsor's demographic. The Chair requests that the City Twinning Policy be provided to the members at the next meeting.

3. Declaration of Conflict

J. Barycki discloses an interest on Item 5.4 Annual Polish-Canadian Society Dinner as he is the President of the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

4. Minutes

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held October 10, 2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

5. Business Items

5.1 International Relations Committee 2018 Annual Report

R. Haidar suggests promoting the Twin Cities at the University of Windsor which would add to relationship building.

Moved by Councillor Costante, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the International Relations Committee 2018 Annual Report **BE ACCEPTED**.
Carried.

5.2 Update on the Children's Art Exchange

S. Gebauer reports the 2018 Children's Art Exchange was held in the new City Hall. She adds four Twin Cities participated in the 2018 event.

S. Gebauer states the City of Gunsan, South Korea is requesting the Children's Art Exchange be held in early July 2019. She indicates last year, the local art came from community centres and the multicultural youth program and suggested that this year, all local children be invited to participate. The Committee members agree. There are costs associated with the Children's Art Exchange which includes the shipping costs to send the art to Gunsan. S. Gebauer adds the art will be displayed initially in Windsor and then will be shipped to Gunsan.

Moved by M. Belenkova, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,500 for costs associated with shipping the art for the Children's Art Exchange to Gunsan, South Korea.
Carried.

5.3 Misono Jogakuin High School Girls

S. Gebauer reports the Misono Jogakuin High School girls will visit Windsor from July 20, 2019 to August 3, 2019. She notes this visit will mark their 11th visit to Windsor and adds the students will be housed with local families. The students will meet for a reception with Mayor Dilkens on July 22, 2019 in Council Chambers, City Hall. The students will be treated to a fun day at Adventure Bay hosted by the International Relations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by S. Despina,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$700 for costs associated with hosting a reception for the Misono Jogakuin High School girls at City Hall on July 22, 2019 and for a day pass for the Misono High School girls to visit Adventure Bay.

Carried.

5.4 24th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Dinner – November 22, 2019

J. Barycki discloses an interest as he is the President of the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor and leaves the room during the discussion.

Moved by M. Belenkova, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$400 for Mayor Dilkens and three members of the IRC to attend the 24th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner to be held on November 22, 2019 at the Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Avenue.

Carried.

J. Barycki returns to the meeting.

6. Communications

Moved by S. Despins, seconded by W. Ma,

That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 6.1 Polish Heritage Day in Windsor 2019 – Background information is *attached*.
- 6.2 Letter to Mayor Drew Dilkens from Jerry Barycki, President. Polish Canadian & Professional Association of Windsor providing an overview of the meetings held in Poland including several pictures.
- 6.3 Congratulatory letter from the Executive Vice Mayor Wang Lu of Changchun, China to Mayor Drew Dilkens on his re-election.
- 6.4 Congratulatory letter from the Mayor of Gunsan, Kang Im-June to Mayor Drew Dilkens on his re-election. Letter from the Mayor of Gunsan, Kang Im-June to Mayor Drew Dilkens thanking him for his congratulations on his inauguration as Mayor of Gunsan City.
- 6.5 E-mail and Letter of Invitation regarding the Chinese-Foreign University Presidents Forum and “Jilin International Studies University Unveiling Ceremony to be held May 25, 2019 at the Jilin International Studies University, Changchun, China.
- 6.6 Letter from Mayor Drew Dilkens to Mayor Liu Xin, Changchun, China extending congratulations to Mayor Liu Xin on his election as Mayor.
- 6.7 Letter from Mayor Dilkens to the Honourable Krzysztof Zuk extending congratulations on his re-election as President of Lublin.
- 6.8 Invitation from Jovan Stojanoski, Mayor, Municipality of Ohrid to Mayor Drew Dilkens for three delegates from the IRC to join in the celebration of “St. Clement of Ohrid” from December 6 to 9, 2019.
- 6.9 Congratulatory letter from the Mayor of Gunsan, Kam Im-June to Councillor Fred Francis on his re-election.

- 6.10 E-mail from Serim Park, Administrative Officer for International Relations, Gunsan, South Korea regarding the Children's Art Exhibition.
- 6.11 Information relating to the Canada-Poland – Strategic Partners of the Twenty-First Century – The XXIII Annual Polish-Canadian Business Dinner in Windsor – November 23, 2018.
- 6.12 Letter from Tsuneo Suzuki, Mayor of Fujisawa to Mayor Drew Dilken thanking Mayor Dilken on his efforts to promote the friendship between Fujisawa and Windsor. Letter from Tsuneo Suzuki, Mayor of Fujisawa congratulating Mayor Drew Dilken on his re-election.
- 6.13 Letter from David Linse, International and European Affairs and Protocol, City of Mannheim, Germany providing an overview of the activities in the City of Mannheim relating to International and European affairs.

Carried.

7. New Business

None.

8. Next Meeting

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:56 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR