

AGENDA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

meeting held
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
at 3:30 o'clock p.m.
via Zoom video conference

1. Call to Order

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie. The City of Windsor honours all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land

2. Election of Chair

3. Declaration of Conflict

4. Minutes

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held November 23, 2022 – attached.

5. Presentation

Wanda Letourneau, Manager Horticulture to provide information regarding the City of Windsor's participation in the Garden of Twin Cities, Mannheim, Germany.

6. Business Items

6.1 Invitation to Mayor Drew Dilkens regarding the Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of Twin Cities and the International Conference of Twin Cities in Mannheim on May 5-6, 2023

Letter from Mannheim, Germany is *attached*.

6.2 International Mother Language Plaza (Martyr's Monument)

The International Relations Committee at its meeting held approved the following motion:

“Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Sleiman, That the International Mother Language Plaza (Martyr's Monument) request for funding BE DEFERRED to the next meeting the newly appointed International Relations Committee.”

Background information – *attached*.

6.3 International Relations Committee – 2022 Annual Report

The International Relations Committee 2022 Annual Report – *attached*.

7. Communications

7.1 Twin Cities and Date of Twinning – *attached*

7.2 Request from Arlington, Texas for a Sister City Agreement

E-mail to Mayor Drew Dilkens from Jag Badwal, Ontario-Agent-General, Government of Ontario – *attached*.

7.3 Request for Sister City Agreement with Turkey

Background information – *attached*.

7.4 Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee

Background information – *attached*.

7.5 Happy 550th Birthday, Mr. Copernicus

Background information – *attached*.

8. Confirm & Ratify E-mail Polls:

As there was no longer a quorum at the November 23, 2022 meeting, the request to Confirm and Ratify the following motion is required:

“That the following motions sent via E-mail Poll on October 18, 2022 regarding that approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$4,000 for costs associated with the delegation from Lublin, Poland to visit the City of Windsor from November 17, 2022 to November 20, 2022” and “that approval be given to

an expenditure in the upset amount of \$400 for the purchase of four (4) tickets (1 ticket for Mayor Dilkens) for the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner to be held on November 18, 2022 at the Caboto Hall, 2175 Parent Avenue.”

9. Date of Next Meeting

To be determined.

10. Adjournment

International Relations Committee

Meeting held November 23, 2022

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fabio Costante, Acting Chair
Councillor Gary Kaschak
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Jerry Barycki
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma
L.T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Councillor Fred Francis
Daniel Ableser
Maria Belenkova

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

As Councillor Francis is absent, Councillor Costante agrees to preside as Acting Chair.

The Acting Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:39 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows.

2. Declaration of Conflict

J. Barycki discloses an interest on Item 6(d) as he is the President of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

3. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held June 23, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Initiative to provide support to Local Businesses in our Sister Cities

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by W. Ma,
That the letter written by Councillor Francis on behalf of the International Relations Committee and the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, attached as “Appendix A”, to be sent to all of our twin cities, regarding an initiative that would provide support to local businesses in our sister cities looking to expand their markets **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

4.2 Shonan Fujisawa, Japan Citizens Marathon Event -

S. Gebauer remarks that in the past, Fujisawa requested that the City of Windsor invite runners to attend the marathon event including meals and accommodations. The city reached out to the Human Kinetics Departments at the University of Windsor, and St. Clair College at that time and no interest was expressed. She advises if the IRC provides direction, she will once again send this information to the university and college. She adds that Fujisawa is requesting that the City of Windsor provide some prizes and adds that in the past, two gifts (from the Mayor’s Office) were sent.

R. Haidar will provide contact information for the Dean of the Human Kinetics Department at the University of Windsor, who could share the information with students.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$250. for costs associated with the mailing of the prizes to Shonan Fujisawa, Japan for the Marathon Event to be held on January 22, 2023 and further, that the Council Assistant **BE REQUESTED** to reach out to the Human Kinetic Departments at the University of Windsor and St. Clair College to determine if there is interest in this event.
Carried.

4.3 City of Fujisawa, Japan – 35th Anniversary Message Videos

S. Gebauer reports that the Mayor's Office recorded a video yesterday, that includes some of the footage from the Opening of the Children's Art Exhibit. The video will be sent to Fujisawa, Japan for December 2, 2022 which is the 35th Anniversary of our twinning.

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by J. Barycki,

That the update provided by the Council Assistant regarding the message videos to be sent to the City of Fujisawa, Japan on December 2, 2022 in celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the twinning with the City of Windsor **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

4.4 City of Fujisawa, Japan – Invitation to invite a delegation from Windsor Between January to February 2023

The Acting Chair asks if this matter should be deferred and discussed at a meeting of the newly appointed members of the International Relations Committee

S. Gebauer concurs that this matter should be deferred to the new committee and suggests that the request from Fujisawa be forwarded to the Mayor's Office for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by J. Barycki,

That the request from the City of Fujisawa, Japan to invite a delegation from the City of Windsor to visit Fujisawa between January to February 2023, **BE DEFERRED** to the Mayor's Office for consideration.

Carried.

4.5 International Mother Language Plaza (Martyr's Monument)

S. Gebauer reports that in doing some research into past practices relating to the provision of funding for non-sister cities requests, only one precedent (the purchase of tickets to the South Asian dinner) was found. In reaching out to surrounding cities regarding if they have sister cities and what the practice is, most do not have an international or twin city committee. The City of Hamilton's mandate is similar to the City of Windsor and their practice is to promote their own twin cities.

S. Gebauer recalls at the June 23, 2022 meeting of the IRC, Dr Fazle Baki was present and requested a contribution towards the International Mother Language Plaza.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Sleiman regarding the contribution requested by Dr. Fazle Baki from the IRC, S. Gebauer responds that they are currently fundraising to raise \$130,000 for the project.

J. Barycki suggests deferral of this matter to the new term of the IRC Committee.

The Acting Chair advises that the IRC has to be mindful of how certain groups are supported, i.e. if one group is supported, it sets a precedent to support other groups. He suggests that this may be a topic to deliberate for the next committee.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the International Mother Language Plaza (Martyr's Monument) request for funding **BE DEFERRED** to the next meeting of the newly appointed International Relations Committee.

Carried.

5. Communications

S. Gebauer refers to Item 5.14 – “E-mail from Changchun regarding an initiative to establish twin schools of Changchun”, and advises Changchun is endeavoring to establish a relationship between schools. She adds that in many of these countries, the schools are run by the municipal governments and asks if a member of the IRC has connections to any of the schools. She suggests communicating with the school boards to determine if a pen pal type of communication could be considered with our twin city.

The Acting Chair suggests that perhaps a meeting with the City and School Boards Liaison Committee or alternatively that the IRC provide direction for Administration to send a letter to the four local school boards.

S. Gebauer responds that she will send out a letter on behalf of IRC to the school boards. The Acting Chair offers to assist with the Catholic School Board.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 5.1 Letter from the Mayor of Lublin, Poland to the Premier of Ontario dated September 9, 2022 regarding a proposal to establish relations between the Lubelskie Voivodship (Region) and the Province of Ontario.
- 5.2 Invitation to the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner to be held on November 18, 2022 at Caboto Hall, 2175 Parent Avenue.
- 5.3 Letter from Mayor Drew Dilkens to Krzysztof Zuk, Mayor of Lublin inviting

a delegation of two people from Lublin, Poland to visit the City of Windsor from November 17, 2022 to November 20, 2022. Letter from Krzysztof Zuk to Mayor Dilkens noting that Krzysztof Stanowski will attend and will represent Krzysztof Zuk.

- 5.4** Photos of “Productive Meetings in Lublin” dated August 16, 2022.
- 5.5** E-mail from the Foreign Affairs Office, Changchun, China regarding the 30th Anniversary of twinning with Changchun and the City of Windsor.
- 5.6** Letter of thanks from the City of Mannheim, Germany regarding the closing of the International Summer Camp with Mannheim’s Twin Cities in preparation for the National Garden Show BUGA 23.
- 5.7** Letter from Mannheim, Germany thanking Mayor Dilkens for the support of their film project celebrating their 20th anniversary.
- 5.8** E-mail from Hiromi Okumura, Fujisawa, Japan regarding the cancellation of Fujisawa’s official delegation to the City of Windsor in October 2022 due to COVID-19.
- 5.9** E-mail from Gunsan, Korea sending regrets regarding their visit to the City of Windsor on September 19, 2022 due to several urgent city issues.
- 5.10** Letter from Krzysztof Zuk, Mayor of Lublin congratulating Mayor Dilkens on his election as Mayor for a third term.
- 5.11** Letter from Tsuneo Suzuki, Mayor of the City of Fujisawa congratulating Mayor Dilkens on his election as Mayor for a third term.
- 5.12** E-mail from Hiromi Okumura, City of Fujisawa regarding an invitation for runners to attend the Marathon along with a request for prizes from the City of Windsor.
- 5.13** E-mail from Mannheim, Germany and letter to Mayor Drew Dilkens congratulating the Mayor on his re-election.
- 5.14** E-mail from Changchun, China regarding an initiative to establish twin schools of Changchun.
- 5.15** E-mail from the Mayor of Gunsan, South Korea sending congratulatory Letters to Mayor Drew Dilkens and Councillor Fred Francis.

6. Confirm & Ratify E-mail Polls

- (a) That the following motion sent via E-mail Poll on June 27, 2022 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by W. Ma,
That a letter of invitation from Mayor Drew Dilkens be sent to President Zuk, Mayor of the City of Lublin, Poland for a delegation of two (2) to visit the City of Windsor from November 17, 2022 to November 20, 2022 for three nights.

Carried.

- (b) That the following motion sent via E-mail Poll on July 20, 2022 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$100 for costs associated with a small reception to be held for the Misono Jogakuin School students from Fujisawa, Japan to be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Windsor City Hall.

Carried.

- (c) That the following motion sent via E-mail Poll on August 26, 2022 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

Moved by W. Ma, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,
That a request by the City of Gunsan, South Korea, for a visit to the City of Windsor from September 19, 2022 to September 20, 2022 by a delegation of seven (7), including Mayor Im-June Kang be approved and that approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$7,000 for costs related to this visit.

Carried.

- (d) J. Barycki discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Item 6(d). There is no longer a sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum.

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by R. Haidar,
That the following motions sent via E-mail Poll on October 18, 2022 regarding “that approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$4,000 for costs associated with the delegation from Lublin, Poland to visit the City of Windsor from November 17, 2022 to November 20, 2022” and “that approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$400 for the purchase of four (4) tickets (1 ticket for Mayor Dilkens) for the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner to be held on November 18, 2022 at the Caboto Hall, 2175 Parent Avenue. **BE DEFERRED** to the next meeting of the International Relations Committee

Carried.

5. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting date and time to be determined.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:08 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

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23 January 2023

**Invitation to the Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of Twin Cities
& to the International Conference of Twin Cities in Mannheim on May 5 + 6, 2023**

Dear Mayor Dilkens,

In the summer of 2021, planning began for our joint project, the Garden of Twin Cities, and since October 2021, we have been working closely with horticultural experts from our twin cities. The project began with a week-long international colloquium and was put into action with our 2022 summer camp, where a total of 24 young people from Mannheim and 8 of our twin cities implemented individual elements of the garden design. This spring, we will have the opportunity to showcase our joint project at the German National Garden Show 2023 (BUGA23). I am pleased to invite you to the ceremonial opening of the Garden of Twin Cities in Mannheim on 6 May 2023!

International networks, knowledge exchange and professional cooperation are - as events around the world prove - of utmost importance for addressing global challenges that have local impacts. That is why I would like to invite you to an international conference of our twin cities on 5 May 2023 to engage in a professional exchange on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a central commitment of BUGA23.



BUGA23.DE

Rathaus, E 5
D-68159 Mannheim
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www.mannheim.de

We will highlight challenges and solutions regarding climate, environment, energy and sustainable food security in cities worldwide. In Mannheim's 2030 Mission Statement, we explored how the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN can be implemented at the local level.

These goals must be reached in cities in order for us to be able to reach them globally. The knowledge and competences united in the network of twin cities can contribute to the development of new strategies and approaches.

The City of Mannheim invites its twin city Windsor to travel to Mannheim from 4 to 7 May 2023 in a delegation comprising a political representative and a representative of the responsible department for town twinning and international relations. Furthermore, the expert from the horticultural sector who contributed to planning the garden is invited to come to see the results of their efforts.

A draft programme is attached to this letter of invitation.

Responses will be accepted by the Office of EU Affairs and Global Sustainability until 12 February 2023. A representative of this office will be in touch to plan your stay in Mannheim.

I look forward to exchanging ideas with you and enjoying the inspiring surroundings of BUGA23!

With best regards from Mannheim,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PK Kurz', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Peter Kurz

Mayor

Internationale Konferenz der Partnerstädte & Feierliche Eröffnung des Gartens der Partnerstädte im Rahmen der BUGA 2023 in Mannheim

International Conference of Twin Cities & Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of the Twin Cities within BUGA 2023 in Mannheim

Donnerstag, 4. Mai 2023

Anreise

Check-In im Mercure Hotel Mannheim
„Am Friedensplatz“

Abends: Get-Together & Abendessen im Hotel

Freitag, 5. Mai 2023

ganztägig

Internationale Konferenz der Partnerstädte:
Der Beitrag der Städte zu Umwelt- und Klima-
schutz, ressourcenschonender Energie-
gewinnung und nachhaltiger
Nahrungsmittelsicherung

Abends: Festliches Abendessen
mit Oberbürgermeister Dr. Peter Kurz

Samstag, 6. Mai 2023

Vormittags: Offizielle Eröffnung des Gartens
der Partnerstädte im Luisenpark Mannheim

Mittags: Empfang der Stadt Mannheim am
Stand der Stadt auf „Spinelli“,
dem Hauptgelände der BUGA23

Nachmittags: Wahlweise Führung über die
BUGA23 oder Stadtführung

Abends: Abendessen in einem Restaurant in
der Pfalz auf Einladung des Fördervereins
Städtepartnerschaften Mannheim

Sonntag, 7. Mai 2023

Abreise

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Arrival

Check-in at the Mercure Hotel Mannheim
„Am Friedensplatz“

Evening: Get-together and dinner at the hotel

Friday, May 5, 2023

all-day

International Conference of Twin Cities: The
Contribution of Cities to Environmental and
Climate Protection, Resource-Efficient Energy
Production and Sustainable Food Security

Evening: Ceremonial dinner
with Mayor Peter Kurz

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Morning: Official opening of the Garden of
Twin Cities in the Luisenpark Mannheim

Mid-day: City of Mannheim reception at the
city's exhibition booth at "Spinelli",
the main grounds of the BUGA23

Afternoon: Guided tour of BUGA23 or city tour

Evening: Dinner in a restaurant in the Palati-
nate region hosted by the Mannheim City
Twinning Association

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Departure

REGISTRATION OF THE TWIN CITY WINDSOR

**FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TWIN CITIES ON 5 MAY 2023
& TO THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE GARDEN OF THE TWIN CITIES
ON 6 MAY 2023 AS PART OF BUGA23**

I hereby register the following people for the twin city Windsor for 5 and 6 May:

1. political representative: last name, first name, position

I can participate in German / English.

I require interpretation from and into the following language _____

2. representative of the International / city twinning office: last name, first name, position

Email, phone number _____

I can attend the conference in German / English.

I require interpretation from and into the following language _____

Further plans for the trip will be discussed with the person named under 2.

If you would prefer that details are arranged with someone else, please provide the relevant contact details below: _____

3. Expert from the field of horticulture who participated in the online colloquium in October 2022:
last name, first name, email _____

I can attend the conference in German / English.

I require interpretation from and into the following language _____

The political representative [name] _____ will give a substantive input at the conference (presenting a best practice) of approximately 10 min on the following conference topic (please check the main topic of the presentation).

environmental protection

resource-efficient energy production

climate protection

sustainable food security

The input will be given in the following language: _____

City, date, signature of the representative of the International / city twinning office

*Please email your application to 19EU@mannheim.de by 12 February 2023 at the latest.
Your contact persons are Pia Schanne and Jana Garbrecht.*

Item 6.2



Project:

**International
Mother
Language
Plaza
(Martyr's
Monument)**



Bangladesh-Canada Association Windsor-Essex



International Mother Language Day is a worldwide annual observance held on **February 21** of each year to promote an awareness of linguistic, cultural diversity and multilingualism.

On this day, millions of people pay homage to the language martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the fight to retain their mother language. **UNESCO** honoured this date to acknowledge to the world that we will never forget the sacrifices made for language rights. International Mother Language Day was first announced by UNESCO on **November 17, 1999**. Since then, it is being celebrated every year, throughout the world.



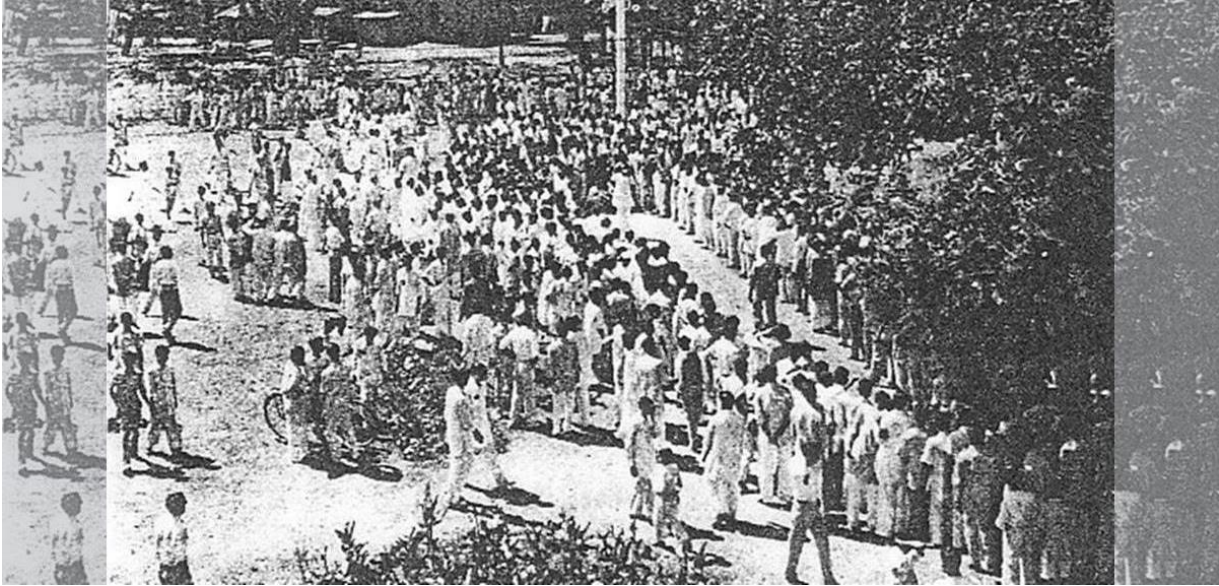
Let the DREAM

.....come true

BCAWE's long time vision was to have the martyrs' monument standing in the heart of the Windsor city to show solidarity and compassion towards windsorites. We are glad that the structural design of the martyrs' monument has already been done. The location will be negotiated with the City of Windsor. Now we are raising fund to make the dream come true. We are now just one step behind to make this project real.

In recognition of the glorious history of the language movement held in Bangladesh the **"City of Windsor"**
APPROVED us to erect a martyrs' monument. Decision no: CR193/2020

February 21, 1952



Celebration in Bangladesh



USA



UK



New Zealand

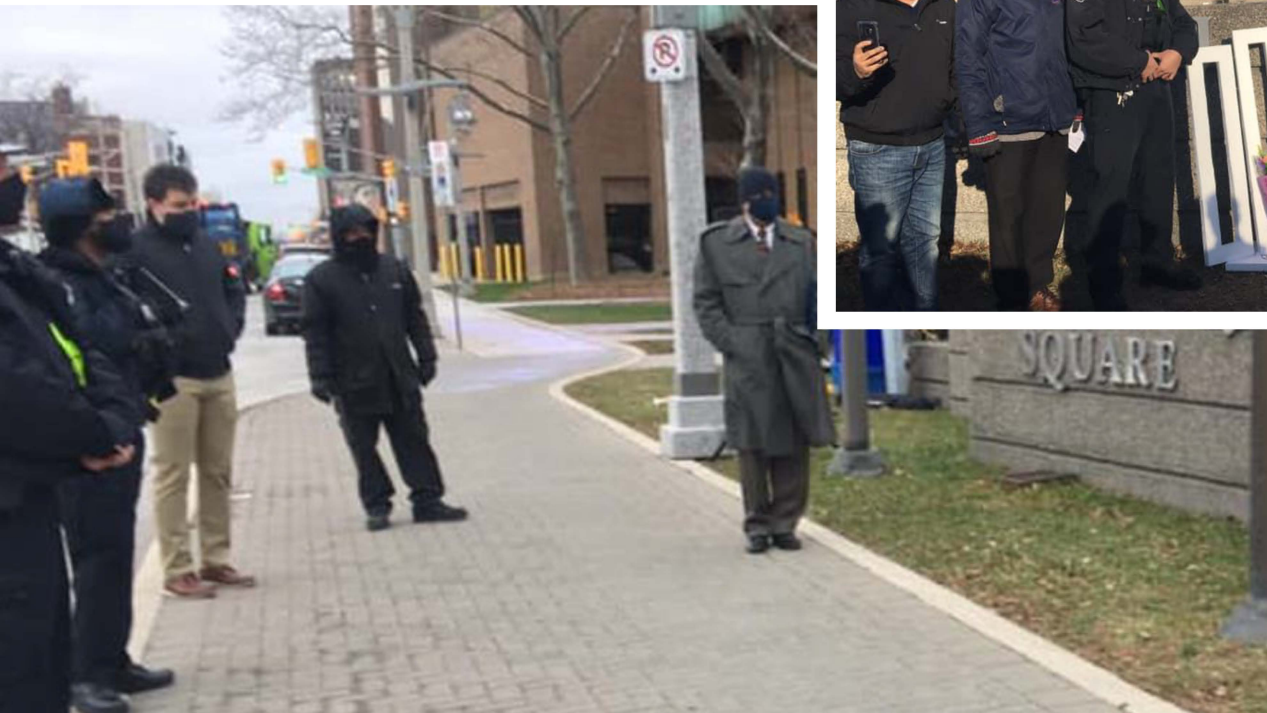


China



Manitoba







Raising Bangladesh Flag on Victory Day and International Mother Language Day

Celebration in Windsor 2019



Celebration in Windsor 2020





Celebration in Windsor 2022



Charity @ BCAWE

\$1,000 for Mosque

\$500 for Downtown Mission

\$500 for Unemployment Help Centre and

12 boxes of food in December 2020

\$475 for Downtown Mission

3 boxes of food and

21 bags of clothes in December 2021

\$2,500 for cultural artists from ACHF grants in 2020 & 2021

\$1,065 for Mosque from community Iftar in April 2022

\$19,700 for Shahid Minar from donors till May 31, 2022

\$4,700 for Shahid Minar from Boishakhi in May, 2022

Discounted tickets for students, seniors and people in distress

Free Bangla language class for elementary school children



Bangladesh-Canada Association, Windsor-Essex



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City Council
Decision
Monday, May 4, 2020

Moved by: Councillor Sleiman
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: CR193/2020 CSPA 108

That Report No. 22 of the Community Public Art Advisory Committee indicating:

That the request by the Bangladesh Canada Association of Windsor-Essex to erect a "Martyrs Monument" whose significance carries the glorious history of the language movement held in Bangladesh in 1952 where people sacrificed their lives to keep their mother tongue BE APPROVED subject to the acquisition of full funding for the monument by the applicant and further, that Administration will work with the applicant to locate a suitable location for the monument
BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 89/2020 & SCM 25/2020
Clerk's File: MB2020 8.16

Steve Vlachodimos
Deputy City Clerk/Senior Manager of Council Services
May 26, 2020



Bangladesh-Canada Association, Windsor-Essex

BANGLADESH-CANADA ASSOCIATION, WINDSOR-ESSEX INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE PLAZA FUND



Benefits of the International Mother Language Plaza Project

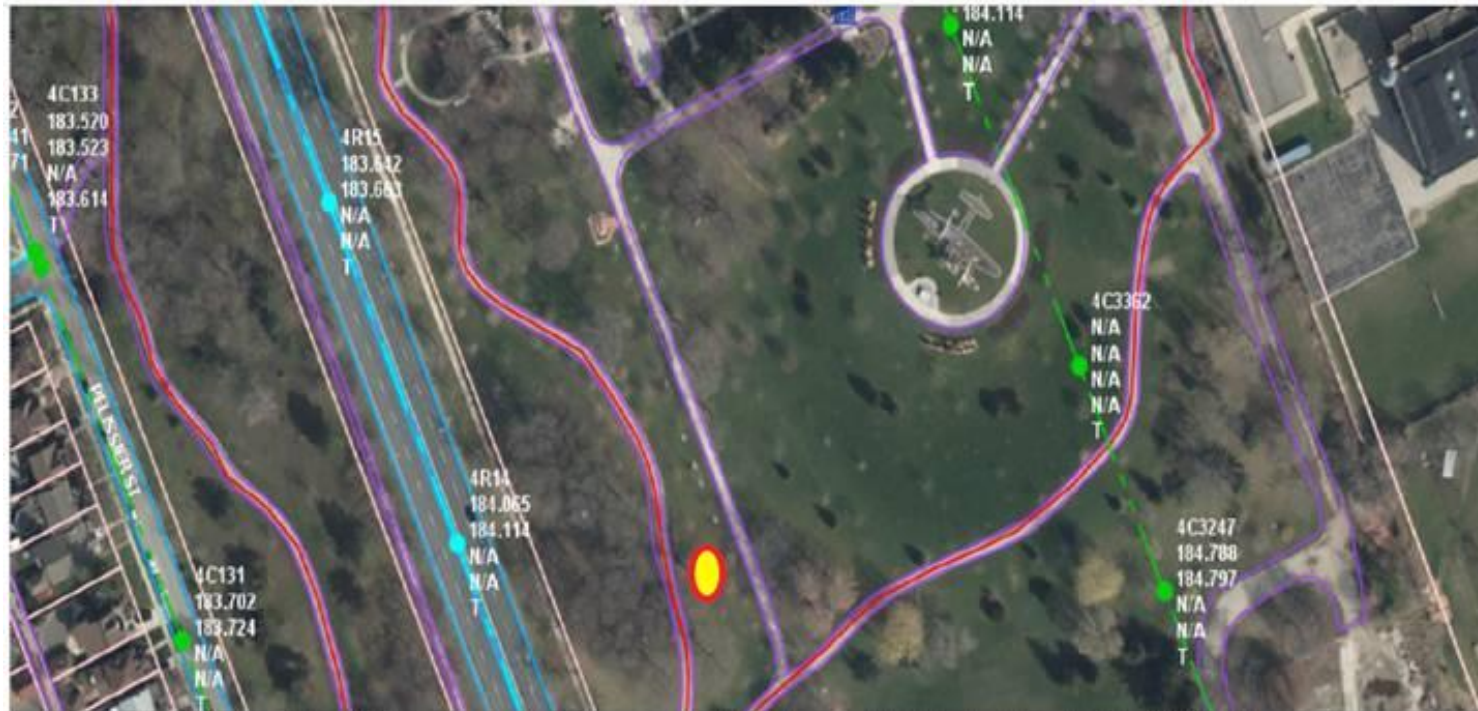
Build	Build space where professional artists can present language and culture of diverse nations on the International Mother Language Day, February 21 in a befitting manner
Create	Create a diverse environment where people meet, show respect for the language martyrs, reflect on sacrifices of the martyrs, and celebrate diversity in a befitting manner
Participate	Participate in the worldwide movement on diversity and show solidarity with the people whose mother tongues and cultures have been attacked and destroyed
Preserve	Preserve the history of the language movement
Give	Give all people of Windsor, including the international students of Bangladeshi descent an opportunity to pay their humble respects to the language martyrs.
Improve	Improve park infrastructure to attract people and tourists

Budget Details

Item Description	Estimated cost
Earthwork (including equipment and Labour)	12,000.00
Concrete Works, (including formworks, rebar, fabrication, materials, labour, pouring, 12 mm grouting and finishing at site)	18,000.00
Steel Works (including materials, labour, fabrication, welding, epoxy coating, installation at site etc.)	15,000.00
Electrical Works	12,000.00
Labour, operator & Equipment rental 40%	20,000.00
HST	10,000.00
Developer Profit Margin	13,000.00
Total Estimated cost	100,000.00

Projected Location 55ft Wide x 45ft Depth

Jackson Park



Quote from Homes By Artisan for \$98,300 + HST

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June 19, 2022

To
Bangladesh Canada Association, Windsor Essex (BACWE)
3819 Inglewood Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, N9E 4P4

Service Address
International Mother Language Plaza
Jackson Park, Windsor

Quotation to build approximately 1575 (35ft x 45ft) square ft International Mother Lang based on plans approved by customer (Schedule "A").

- Construction of the site based on the approved design by customer (see Schedule A).
- Site dimensions are considered 35ft x 45ft for this quote
- Min 20 MPa 6" pour concrete with granular base of 0-3/4" clear stone
- Hollow Stainless-Steel plate welded as per design
- Two Podium 12"x12"x48" brick column with 36"x36" concrete slab

Price: \$98,300.00 + HST

Additional Note:
Any additional work and costs that exceed the agreed upon total price, must be authorized and contractor prior to further commencement.

All excavated material shall be stockpiled on site and are too used for back fill. Excess be disposed by Contractor.

This proposal is provided based on current material and labour costs.

A delay in acceptance of more than 45 days will require a review of the proposal before agreement becomes binding.

This quote has been prepared in a professional manner. Any further questions or concerns free to address me.

Respectfully,

Mamun Chowdury

Homes By Artisan

Tel 519 566 7944 1035 Eastbourne Avenue, LaSalle, ON, N9H 1B6 HST 799

As per a detailed structural design

Project Milestones

City of Windsor project Approved Q2 2020



**Q3-Q4
2020**

Fund commitment- Pledge
in process
Building plan preparation



**Q1-Q3
2021**

Structural design
Cost estimation



**Q4
2021**

*Fund commitment pledge
finalized
Expected Project Location
confirmation from City*



**Q1-Q3
2022**

City Approval for building
permit
Fund realization
Negotiate with Builder



**Q3-Q4
2022**

Construction start
Finishing touches before
final opening



**Q1
2023**

*Final
Launch*



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Trek Kusmierczyk

Member of Parliament
Windsor—Tecumseh

This project honors diversity and demonstrates a commitment to be inclusive by inviting all communities including our Indigenous communities, to share in it.



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

This application is a perfect example of a project that unites art, expression, culture, and history under the umbrella of a remarkable Windsor based organization.

Under the mantra, "All language should survive", the BCAWE organizes an International Mother Language Day event to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.



Office of the Dean

401 Sunset Ave.
Windsor, Ontario
Canada N9B 3P4
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BCAWE organized IMLF in 2019, 2020, and 2022.

The Odette School of Business has sponsored the festival every year.

Odette students from many different countries and cultures have attended these events, including several who have also actively participated in the cultural presentations.

In 2022, our students carried flags of 16 countries representing the backgrounds of the festival attendees.



University
of Windsor

**Aboriginal
Education Centre**



South Asian Centre of Windsor

4045- B Seminole St. Windsor, ON N8Y 4W4

Tel: (519) 252-7447 www.southasiancentre.ca

Registered Charity Organization Serving the South Asian Canadian Community in Windsor Essex

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Chinese Association of Greater Windsor

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**INDIA CANADA ASSOCIATION OF
WINDSOR & ESSEX COUNTY**

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- Thanks Councillor Fabio Costante for \$1,000 from his Ward 2 Fund



International Mother Language Plaza

\$30,000 Cash

\$48,000 Pledge

Raised as of June 14, 2022



**An Inclusive Project
of BCAWE**



International Mother Language Plaza

Proposed Budget As of June, 2022

Estimated Cost	\$100,000
Fees and taxes	\$ 30,000
Total	\$130,000

Fund-Raising Target	
Community Sources	\$50,000
Non-Government Grants	\$30,000
City, Provincial and Federal Grants	\$50,000
Total	\$130,000



**An Inclusive Project
of BCAWE**

Contribution

To make the dream come true, we need at least 100K CAD. To build the martyrs' monument, your moral and financial support will make a difference.

Please make your DONATION.

Banking Information

Make your contribution payable to the account: Bangladesh-Canada Association, Windsor-Essex.
Bank of Montreal (BMO), Windsor.

e-Transfer: bcawelm@gmail.com

WindsorEssex Community Foundation

Tax receipts will be available for donations at wecf.ca
Choose Bangladesh-Canada Association, Windsor-Essex
International Mother Language Plaza Fund





International Relations Committee – 2022 Annual Report

Membership

Councillor Fred Francis, Chairperson
Councillor Fabio Costante
Councillor Gary Kaschak
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Mr. Daniel Ableser
Ms. Maria Belenkova
Mr. Jerry Barycki
Mr. Scott Despins
Mr. Ronnie Haidar
Mr. William Ma
Mr. Steven Spagnuolo
Mr. L.T. Zhao

Mandate

- Support the efforts of the Mayor and Council in the enhancement of Windsor's international image
- Promote and enhance our relationship with current twin cities
- Support international education, cultural, sport and economic initiatives

The International Relations Committee (IRC) continues to promote Windsor's international interests and image through its focus on strengthening the current community based twin city relationships both abroad and in the local community. This is achieved through the committee's continued support towards educational, cultural, social and economic based exchanges. The committee also devotes its energies towards the exploration of potential new or emerging twin city relationships where there is a desire to twin based on a strong local community commitment, and where long term, valuable exchanges are realized.

The IRC met four (4) times in 2022. After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, members of the IRC had the opportunity to take part in events, as evidenced in the following report.

Support for our twin city of Lublin, Poland

In March 2022, the IRC contributed \$5,000 from the Committee's operating budget to support our twin city of Lublin, Poland as well as relief agencies operating in Lublin in their humanitarian efforts to support refugees from Ukraine fleeing the war. Being that Lublin is approximately 100 kilometers from the border with Ukraine and is the largest major city in Poland near the Ukraine border, it has become the host community and point of first refuge for many refugees fleeing the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Study Tour to Windsor from Mannheim Germany

On April 4-6, 2022, the City of Windsor welcomed a small group from our twin city of Mannheim as part of the Study Tour for the International Urban Regional Cooperation (IURC) program, where Windsor and Mannheim were matched and are cooperating in the field of sustainable transformation. The IRC sponsored a lunch for the group on Monday, April 4th, 2022. Additionally, members of the IRC participated in the Networking Mingle at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts, organized by Karina Richters, Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change at the City of Windsor and her team, on Tuesday, April 5th 2022.

Misono Jogakuin High School, Fujisawa, Japan - Exchange Students



The IRC once again welcomed a group of students from Windsor's twin city of Fujisawa, Japan. The group from the Misono Jogakuin High School, which included 19 exchange students, 2 teachers and 3 escorts, were in Windsor from July 22th through August 2nd, 2022. On Tuesday, July 26th, they were greeted in Council Chambers by Mayor Drew Dilkens and Ontario's Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Michael Ford as well as some members of the IRC. After some welcoming remarks, several photos, a gift exchange and a cake to celebrate their visit, the group explored the grounds at

City Hall and took some pictures next to the tree that was planted by the very first Misono School Group that visited in 2009. During their two-week stay, the group will also have the opportunity to explore Windsor-Essex as a group as well as with their host families.



6th Annual Children's Art Exhibition

After being held virtually for the past 2 years, the IRC held the City of Windsor's sixth Children's Art Exhibition, which included art from children between the ages of 6-12 years old from Windsor as well as children from our twin cities of Changchun, China, Fujisawa, Japan, Gunsan, South Korea and Saltillo, Mexico, Lublin, Poland and Mannheim, Germany. The art was displayed from November 17th through November 27th in the lobby of Windsor's City Hall with the assistance of Salina Larocque, Cultural Development Coordinator and her team. The Exhibition was extremely successful and well received by all.



Visiting Delegation from Lublin, Poland

From November 17-20, 2022, the City of Windsor and the IRC hosted Mr. Krzysztof Stanowski, Director, International Cooperation Centre of the City of Lublin, who visited on behalf of the Mayor of Lublin, Mayor Zuk. Also visiting during this time were Mr. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada; Mr. Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress and Mr. Dominic Roszak, Vice President, Canadian Polish Congress, and Vice Chair World Polonia Council. The delegates were invited to City Hall to meet with Mayor Dilkens and to participate in the opening of the 6th Annual children's Art Exhibition at City Hall. During their stay, the delegation toured the University of Windsor and had a productive meeting with President and Vice Chancellor Robert Gordon, met with Stephen Mackenzie, President and CEO of Invest WindsorEssex and his team, where they

also had the opportunity to participate in a demonstration of the Virtual Reality Cave at the Automobility and Innovation Centre and met with Mark Galvin, President and CEO of Your Quick Gateway (YQG), where they were able to tour of Windsor Airport. The group attended the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Dinner and also met with representatives of the Polonia Centre. An Official dinner was held at Willistead Manor to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of our twinning relationship, which was delayed due to the pandemic.



Children's Art Exchange - Gunsan

Our twin city of Gunsan, South Korea held their Children's Art Exchange, which opened on December 19th at the Gunsan Arts Centre. The City of Windsor once again participated in this wonderful event sending drawings from local children for display.

Letter Chamber of Commerce

In 2022 a letter was sent to the City of Windsor's twin cities from the International Relations Committee and the Windsor-Essex Region Chamber of Commerce regarding an initiative that would propose an arrangement allowing the Windsor-Essex Chamber of Commerce to extend its membership benefits to members of the City of Windsor's twin cities, encouraging them to consider expanding their businesses in our region.

Additional Information

On November 17th, 2022, some members of the IRC attended the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Dinner.

The City of Windsor had three milestone twinning anniversaries in 2022:

1. Changchun, China: 30 years
2. Las Vuletas, El Salvador: 35 years
3. Fujisawa, Japan: 35 years

Milestone anniversaries in 2023 included:

1. Coventry, England: 60 years
2. St. Etienne, France: 60 years

As a result, the committee anticipates the potential for both in-bound and out-bound delegations to and from these cities to celebrate these anniversaries.

The City of Windsor is currently participating in “Garden of Twin Cities” project, in Mannheim, Germany, where they are creating a beautiful garden that will include some aspect of each of their twin cities. Wanda Letourneau, Manager of Horticulture has been participating virtually in this program and has replicated Coventry Gardens, which will be incorporated into the final garden that will be unveiled in May 2023. Additionally, in July of 2022, two students from St. Clair College’s Horticulture Program travelled to Mannheim, on behalf of the City of Windsor, to work on this project. A delegation will be invited to attend the unveiling of this wonderful project.

Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor

(Chronological Order)

<u>City and Country</u>	<u>Year of Twinning</u>	<u>2022/2023 Anniversary</u>
Granby, Canada	1956 (May)	66/67
Coventry, England	1963	59/60
St. Etienne, France	1963 (June)	59/60
Udine, Italy	1977 (November 14)	45/46
Mannheim, Germany	1980 (April 14)	42/43
Ohrid, Macedonia	1981 (June 29)	41/42
Las Vueltas, El Salvador	1987 (April 13)	35/36
Fujisawa, Japan	1987 (December 2)	35/36
Changchun, China	1992 (June 16)	30/31
Saltillo, Mexico	1994 (November 6)	28/29
Lublin, Poland	2000 (June 26)	22/23
Gunsan, South Korea	2005 (June 20)	17/18

From: Badwal, Jag (MEDJCT) <Jag.Badwal@ontario.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 7:58 AM
To: mayoro <mayoro@citywindsor.ca>
Cc: mayoro <mayoro@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Sister City Agreement
Importance: High

Good Morning Mayor Dilkens,

Hope you are doing well, I met you at Windsor city hall in 2021. Since then Windsor has seen major investments in EV and related eco-systems-congratulations.

I have been approached by city of [Arlington-Texas](#) for a possible Sister city agreement with Windsor! With 392,304 people in 2020, Arlington is the 7th most populated city in the state of Texas out of 1,798 cities. One of the biggest employer in Arlington is *General Motors* which has a number of suppliers in Windsor, seems like a perfect fit!

Let me know whom would you recommend in your team to continue this dialogue.

Best Regards!

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RE: Municipality Twinning Programs.

Date: February 8th, 2023

Dear Mayor,

First off, I am extremely grateful of living in one of the greatest cities in Ontario. I have lived in Istanbul, Turkey for 30 years of my life and feel that my transition to Windsor has been seamless.

Not only am I appreciative of how welcome the community is in Windsor, but I am also grateful of how safe this city is.

After living in Turkey for a few decades, I have been implementing the idea of building a relationship between Windsor with other counties for business. I wish that ties can strengthen between Windsor, Turkey "Sea & River sides Cities and Regions" Middle Eastern and gulf countries, such as Lebanon, Qatar, and UAE, which carry some of the world's largest brands.

I strongly believe that strengthening these ties will greatly benefit Windsor's growth, by engaging in a trustable construction investment, cultural brotherhood, friendship, and eventually develop successful brands.

To further this, I have worked in a consulting company for Deha Counsalting with an office located in Turkey. Having the opportunity to work for the country of Morroc, Lebanon / Saida provided me with several projects to build the business relationships between Qatar and Turkey.

Promoting this relationship resulted in bringing the attention of several investors, developers and contractors to Turkey. I would be highly interested in becoming a member of the City of Windsor in assisting with building relations between countries.

For visibility, I speak three language Turkish, Arabic and English. I carry several years of experience in the consulting field and business relations.

I hope to hear from you and look forward to discussing opportunities. Kind Regards, Omer Korkmaz

Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee (550)

Item
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This is Nicolaus Copernicus Year. On February 19, 2023, we will celebrate the 550th Anniversary Jubilee of his birth. He is widely known as the father of modern astronomy.

Copernicus was born in Toruń. After the early death of his father, he came under the care of his uncle, Łukasz Watzenrode, later Bishop of Warmia, who supported his education at the Kraków Academy and later at the excellent Italian universities of Bologna, Padua and Ferrara. Nicolaus studied philosophy, law, medicine and mathematics. Having access to rich collections of old texts, he became acquainted with the knowledge of ancient scholars and with passion immersed himself in studies of the heavens. In his later work, he put to use his knowledge at different levels of administration of the Warmia Chapter at Lidzbark, Olsztyn and Frombork as an administrator, economist, diplomat and doctor. At the same time, he carried out astronomical observations using instruments that he had constructed. In time, using mathematics, spatial geometry and technical drawing, he marshalled his studies and formulated on the basis of his calculations the visionary heliocentric theory, publishing the famous treatise, "On the revolutions of the heavenly spheres", which proclaimed that our planet is in motion, not the Sun.



On the revolutions of the heavenly spheres ,
1566. Source: Wikimedia Commons.

However, in the Middle Ages, his hypothesis disturbed the canons of public belief, which held that the earth is flat and situated at the centre of the universe. His opponents could not grasp this fact, for how could the earth be round and in circular motion? People would fly into space. It was against religion, against widely accepted science. Popular thinking could not accept it. Copernicus believed in God, was a canon of the Church and even a candidate to be bishop. However, he believed that nature is beautiful and simple, scholars have the right to seek the truth, and he had found it. His science changed the fundamental human understanding of the universe and is comparable to the discoveries of Aristotle, Newton and Einstein.

To mark the great Jubilee of the 550th Anniversary of the birth of Copernicus, the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor decided to create a display. It is a tribute by Canadian Polonia to Nicolaus Copernicus to mark the anniversary of his birth. The biography of Copernicus is widely known in Poland but is not so well known elsewhere. Out of this arose the idea of making a display for Canada, in order to promote here the revolutionary nature of the Polish scholar, who had a fundamental influence on our understanding of the universe.



Display about Nicolaus Copernicus. Source: Jerzy Barycki.

Over a period of time, sponsors were found and the World Polonia Congress, the Canadian Polish Congress and the Polish Embassy in Canada became the patrons. Within the framework of the project, postage stamps with a likeness of Copernicus were released both in Poland and in Canada and a Copernicus Anniversary Jubilee Medallion was struck to thank the sponsors, patrons and promoters of the project. In addition to presentation of the display, there also are other projects, for example, there are plans for scientific conferences, banquets, competitions, and the naming of new streets and parks after Copernicus. As well, there are existing symbols of the popularity of Copernicus, for example, a statue of him in Montréal, which is a copy of one in Warszawa, and the Astrolabium and Sundial in Windsor.

The inauguration of the English version of the display will mark the beginning of Copernicus Year in Canada, on February 17, 2023, at the University of Windsor.



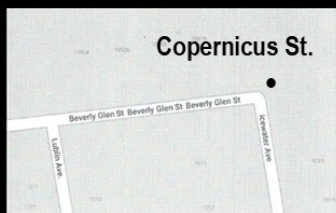
Nicolaus Copernicus



Born February 19, 1473, Died May 21, 1543

Invitation to the National Inauguration of the Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada 2023 on Friday, February 17, 2023, Windsor, Ontario

PROGRAMME



11:30 a.m., Unveiling Copernicus St.

Gathering to unveil Copernicus Street will take place on the northwest corner of Beverly Glen St. at Icewater Avenue in Windsor. A draft plan of the subdivision is shown on the left.



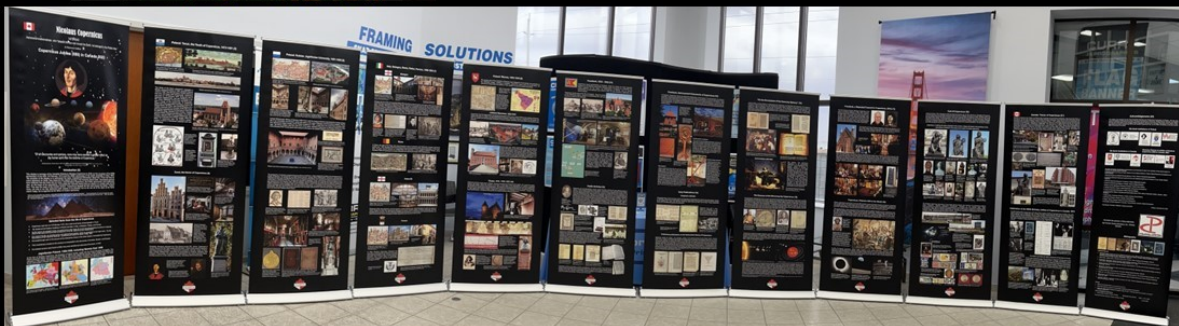
12:30 p.m., Astrolabium and Sundial, Jackson Park, 125 Tecumseh Rd. E.

Gathering at the Copernicus Astrolabium and Sundial, built in 1954 by the Polish Community in Windsor as a tribute to Nicolaus Copernicus. The Polish Community representatives and guests will lay wreaths and flowers.




1:30 p.m., National Inauguration, Leddy Library, University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Ave.

Official National Inauguration of Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada, presenting the Copernicus Display with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.




The other main locations for presentation of the display are at the Federal Parliament in Ottawa on April 27, at the Banquet in Brampton for the 90th Anniversary of the Canadian Polish Congress on May 6, at the Ontario Parliament in Toronto on May 30, and at the Roncesvalles Polish Festival in Toronto from September 16-17.



Nicolaus Copernicus

Born February 19, 1473, Died May 21, 1543


Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada 2023



Nicolaus Copernicus. Unknown artist, ca. 1580. Toront: Old Town Hall, Poland. Reproduction by Piotr Bednarski, 2000. Source: Jerzy Barycki Collection.

The Solar System. Source: stock, gettyimages.com, 2019x2022

Honorary Patrons of Copernicus Jubilee



Proposed Schedule of Events in 2023

Presentations of Copernicus Display

Friday, February 17
Inauguration of Copernicus Jubilee (550), University of Windsor, Windsor


Thursday, April 27 (to be confirmed)
Copernicus Jubilee, Parliament Hill, Ottawa

Saturday, May 6
90th Anniversary CPC Banquet, Brampton


Tuesday, May 30
Copernicus Jubilee, Queen's Park, Toronto

Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17
Roncesvalles Polish Festival, Toronto

Project Sponsors




Sponsors of Displays



Many thanks to everyone involved in Canada and Poland.

Note: We have received requests from various Polish organizations in Ontario to rent the Copernicus display. We will offer the display on the basis of our own logistics and finances and the order, in which requests are received. We will offer our displays in electronic form to accommodate the needs of other Polish, Canadian and international organizations.



The National Copernicus (550) Jubilee Committee of the Canadian Polish Congress:
Jerry Barycki (Chair), John Tomczak, Dominic Roszak, Barbara Stadnik-Felinczak and Grażyna Gałęzowska.
Jerry Barycki, contact: jerybarycki@gmail.com

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Proposed Schedule of Main Events in 2023. Source: Jerzy Barycki.

The inauguration of the Polish version of the Copernicus display will take place at the Senate in Warszawa, Poland, on February 21, 2023. Other presentations of the display will be at the Warszawa University of Technology, Warszawa, at the Jagiellonian University of Kraków, and in other cities.

Jerzy Barycki, in collaboration with Krystyna Sroczyńska, Windsor, Canada, January 17, 2023
Translated from the Polish by Frank Simpson, Windsor, Canada, January 19, 2023

Happy 550th Birthday, Mr. Copernicus!

