AGENDA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

meeting held
Monday, July 31, 2023
at 3:30 o'clock p.m.
Room 522a, 350 City Hall Square West

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. Declaration of Conflict

3. Minutes

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held May 10, 2023 – attached.

4. Business Items

4.1 City Post

James Chacko, Executive Director Parks & Facilities to provide an update regarding the new location for the City Post

4.2 Request from the City of Gunsan, South Korea for a delegation of ten (10) including Mayor Kang to visit the City of Windsor from October 16-18, 2023 – attached.

5. Confirm and Ratify E-mail Polls

5.1 That the following E-Mail Poll sent on July 14, 2023 regarding a reception for the Misono Jogakuin students from Fujisawa, Japan **BE CONFIRMED**AND RATIFIED:

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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 Friday, July 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers with light refreshments to follow in Room 204, 350 City Hall Square West.

5.2 That the following E-mail Poll sent on May 12, 2023 regarding a request from Gunsan, South Korea to invite local craft breweries to participate in the Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival 2023 BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:

That the request from Gunsan, South Korea, inviting local craft breweries to participate in the Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival 2023 from June 16-18, 2023 be forwarded to local craft breweries and to Invest Windsor-Essex and Tourism Windsor-Essex Pelee Island for consideration.

Background information is attached

- 6. Communications
 - 6.1 Letter from the Mayor of the City of Khmelnytskyi (Ukraine) to establish a Sister-City relationship with the City of Windsor attached. (Direction Required)
 - 6.2 Support for Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure attached
 - 6.3 Polish-Canadian Business Dinner Save the Date attached
 - 6.4 Copernicus Display at Queen's Park and at Windsor City Hall -- attached
- 7. Date of Next Meeting
 To be determined.
- 8. Adjournment

Item 3.0

International Relations Committee

Meeting held May 10, 2023

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 522a, there being present the following members:

Councillor Angelo Marignani, Chair Councillor Renaldo Agostino Councillor Fred Francis Councillor Ed Sleiman Jerry Barycki Ronnie Haidar William Ma

Absent:

Lubna Barakat Saiful Bhuiyan L.T. Zhao

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Milan Vujanovic, Senior Economic Development Officer Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant Karen Kadour. Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:30 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

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held March 8, 2023 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

4. Presentation – Request for a Sister City Agreement with the City of Arlington, Texas

Sheri Capehart, Program Director for Arlington, Texas Sister Cities, Bruce Payne, Manager of Economic Development for Arlington, Texas and Michael Jacobson, President and CEO of the Greater Arlington, Chamber of Commerce are present via Zoom video conference. The Committee members view two videos highlighting the educational and medical institutions, arts, entertainment, businesses, GM Plant, sports facilities and attractions in Arlington, Texas. Ms. Capehart refers to the many synergies with the City of Windsor.

In response to a question asked by the Chair regarding the main industries in Arlington, Michael Jacobson responds the main industries are automotive and aerospace.

Councillor Francis refers to the GM Plant in Arlington, and asks how many employees work at the Plant. The delegations respond there are 4,600 employees working at the Plant (three shifts a day, 6 days a week).

In terms of diversity and the demographics in Arlington, Sheri Capehart responds that there are a large number of folks that are Hispanic, African American, Vietnamese and Asian. She adds that they have one Sister City in Bad Konigshofen, Germany and advises they celebrated their 70th Anniversary in 2021.

Ronnie Haidar refers to the EV Battery Plant happening in Windsor and asks about the Wallbox EV Charging Plant in Arlington and what the response has been.

Bruce Payne states the Wallbox EV Charging Plant is designed so everything happens in one area (130,000 square foot factory) and is integrated with computer software. The plant is designed to produce over one million units by 2030 and will serve multiple segments of EV charging.

Councillor Ed Sleiman asks the delegations to expand on the reasons for twinning with the City of Windsor. Sheri Capehart responds because they have only one sister city which was born out of humanitarian relief, the City of Arlington is interested in twinning with a city with like interests, such as educational components, economic development, and to allow for student exchanges to experience cultural differences outside of their country.

The Chair invites the delegation to ask questions of the Committee.

Bruce Payne asks for an overview of the International Relations Committee including the role of the committee and information relating to the number of Sister Cities.

Councillor Fred Francis responds that the City of Windsor has 12 Sister Cities and the Committee consists of City Councillors and members of the public. The relationship with the Sister Cities has always been "people to people" and because Windsor is so

ethnically diverse, an ethnic community would reach back home to their families, resulting in relationships with China, Japan, Poland, England, France, Italy, Macedonia, El Salvador, Mexico, Germany and South Korea. The relationship with our Sister Cities is based on aspects such as "people to people", humanitarian, cultural, sports, educational, economic and adds that once the people are bonded together, the relationship tends to last decades.

Bruce Payne asks why the City of Windsor does not have a Sister City in the United States.

Councilor Fred Francis states there was never a need to formalize that relationship as there is an interconnectedness between Canadians and Americans, i.e. crossing the Bridge and the Tunnel on a daily basis. Councillor Renaldo Agostino adds that the City of Detroit is like our next door neighbours.

Ronnie Haidar remarks that the City of Windsor is somewhat linked with Detroit as we watch their television programs, follow their sports teams, and go shopping. What is good about having a border community is that there are many educational transnational opportunities.

The Chair thanks the delegation from Arlington, Texas for their presentation.

Councillor Fred Francis expresses concern that there is no "people to people connection". He suggests starting with a "friendship city", build a relationship and then consider a Sister City connection. He adds exchanges with Arlington could include culture, sports, tourism, business, music and education.

Sandra Gebauer remarks that Arlington does have an alliance with the City of Toronto for music. She suggests reaching out to Toronto to determine if there is an agreement with Arlington.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks if discussions on homelessness or other topics take place between the Sister Cities and if ideas are shared. The Chair responds that oftentimes, we can learn by seeing the methods of other Sister Cities.

Councillor Fred Francis responds that the relationship with the City of Detroit is about the people; the relationship between government to government is not as close as one would think. He adds there is no relationship with Detroit City Council.

Milan Vujanovic remarks that the Economic Development Office has been in touch with the Consulate General in Detroit and is working on a bi-national project between Windsor and Detroit basically trying to communicate what is the value proposition of this region collectively.

Councillor Fred Francis requests that the City of Arlington, Texas provide a formal proposal.

Sandra Gebauer advises that as per the City of Windsor's Twin City Policy, the City of Arlington, Texas must submit a formal proposal and adds that it is the IRC Committee who will make a recommendation to the Mayor's Office. The Mayor in turn will bring the recommendation to Council for a decision.

5. Business Items

5.1 Letter of Invitation from Changchun, China for a delegation from the City of Windsor to visit

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, That the invitation from Changchun, China for a delegation from the City of Windsor to visit Changchun, China **BE RECEIVED** and further, that correspondence will be sent acknowledging when and if a delegation from the City of Windsor will visit in 2023. Carried.

5.2 Children's Art Exhibition

Sandra Gebauer reports that since 2017, the IRC determines every year if there is interest in participating in the Children's Art Exhibition and if so, when and where.

Councillor Fred Francis suggests status quo, i.e. holding the Children's Art Exhibition in City Hall.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino proposes holding the Children's Art Exhibition at the Aquatic Centre or taking the Children's Art Exhibition on tour to different venues.

Councillor Fred Francis suggests reaching out to Devonshire Mall as a venue as there is more foot traffic.

It is generally agreed that the Children's Art Exhibition will be held in November 2023. Sandra Gebauer will research to determine if the venues at the Aquatic Centre and Devonshire Mall are available. She will report back at the next meeting.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

International Conference of Twin Cities & Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of the Twin Cities in Mannheim, Germany

May 10, 2023

The Chair provides the highlights of the International Conference of Twin Cities and ceremonial opening of the Garden of the Twin Cities in Mannheim, Germany as follows:

- The delegation to Mannheim, Germany consisted of the Chair, William Ma and Wanda Letourneau, Horticulturalist
- Upon arrival, there was a casual meet and greet
- Provided gifts to the dignitaries that were present
- The event included a three kilometer gondola ride
- Environmental concerns and options were discussed at the conference.
- Attended a dinner with Dr. Peter Kurz, Mayor of Mannheim
- Toured the Garden of the Twin Cities
- The display by Wanda Letourneau was outstanding.

William Ma adds upon arrival in Mannheim, there was an information exchange and a discussion regarding best practices relating to the twin cities and suggests incorporating best practices into the IRC Mandate.

Sandra Gebauer reports that approval was given at the IRC meeting held March 8, 2023 to an expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 for the Mannheim, Germany delegation to attend the Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of Twin Cities and the International Conference of Twin Cities. The actual amount spent was approximately \$4,707.

Ronnie Haidar asks when delegations from the IRC visit various Sister Cities, do they wear anything that is representative of the City of Windsor. The Chair responded that the delegations to Mannheim wore the City of Windsor Pin at every event.

7. Communications

7.1 Nicolaus Copernicus Pictorial Report

Jerry Barycki provides an update of the Pictorial Report – The National Inauguration of the Copernicus Jubilee held on February 17, 2023 in Windsor. He adds that The Copernicus Jubilee was also held in Poland from February – March 2023.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Jerry Barycki suggests a brainstorming discussion be held regarding "where does the IRC want to be in two to five years".

Jerry Barycki inquires about the status of the City Post. Sandra Gebauer responds that the location near the parking lot in the City Esplanade is no longer feasible. She

suggests inviting the Manager, Parks Development to the next meeting to discuss an alternate location.

8. Date of Next Meeting

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:10 o'clock p.m.

Item 4.2

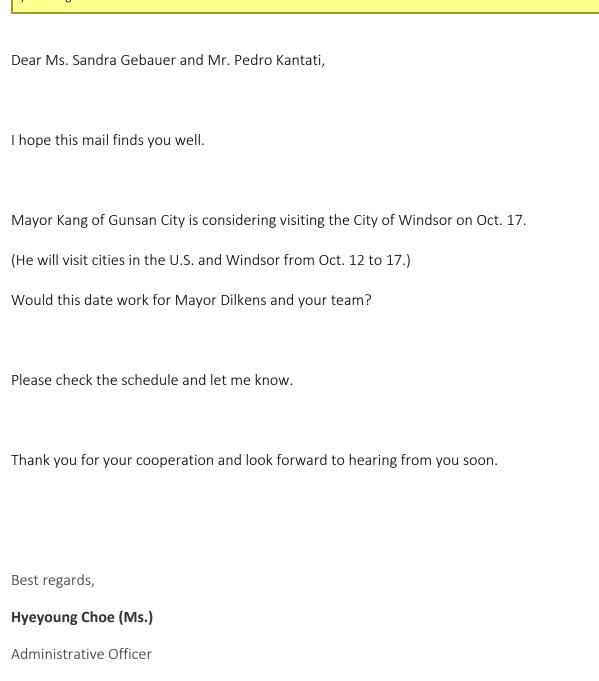
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To: <u>Gebauer, Sandra</u>; <u>Kantati, Pedro</u>

Subject: Request to check availability to meet Mayor Dilkens on Oct. 17

Date: June 26, 2023 9:33:47 PM

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Best regards,

Hyeyoung Choe (Ms.)

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The 2023 Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival Overview of the Operation of Promotion Booths for Craft Beer of foreign exchange cities

☐ Project purpose
O Strengthening the bonds of friendly relations with foreign exchange cities
and enhancing the global image of the festival.
O Upgrading the quality of the festival by providing a variety of different
craft beers, exhibitions, and content to see and experience
☐ Invitation of the foreign exchange cities
O Period: 6. 16, 2023 (Fri.) ~ 6. 18, 2023 (Sun.) (It is possible to discuss an
extension of ±1 day before or after the festival period)
O Invitee: Qingdao, New Taipei City, Kagoshima, Takamatsu, and Windsor
O Applicable company: Craft beer companies located in foreign sister cities
or exchange cities
O How to apply: Submit the application form (refer to the attachment) to
gemstones@korea.kr by May 15, 2023 (Monday)
O Exhibition booth: About three booths (Three enterprises)
O Main content: Promotion of exchange cities and tasting/selling of
company products
※ Inviting enterprises: Cooperation with the International Cooperation Team of the
Planning & Budget Division
□ Plan for enerating the exhibition & colling booths
☐ Plan for operating the exhibition & selling booths
O Booth size: the size of a booth for each enterprise is 3m×3m

O The Volume of imports: About 500~1,000 products per enterprise

O How to sell: After the bulk purchase (through an import agency) of the products and conduct on-site tasting and sales at a booth Settlement of sales amount (event management agency) and collection of non-taxable income

O How to operate

Invitation of enterprise		Product import & Product display		Tasting & Selling		Collection of product import costs
- Consultation about company invitation - Translation of exhibition and promotional material - Accommodation support for participating companies - Dispatch of interpreting volunteers	\rightarrow	- Selection and import of import agent company - Handling of tasks by the National Tax Service, Korea Customs Service, and Korea Food and Drug Administration - Designing exhibition materials, and installation of booths	\rightarrow	- Arranging sellers - Tasting and selling	\rightarrow	- Settlement and collection of total sales -Amount of collection(Import price+Import agency fee)
International Cooperation Team		Food Policy Division		Event management agency-Participating companies		Food Policy Division

► Exhibition support: Promotional materials(Banner, flags, etc.), exhibition stalls, exhibition stands, chairs, and other equipment

GUNSAN BREWS & BLUES FESTIVAL 2023

2023.6.16(FRI)~6.18(SUN)

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Company name							
	English:			Representative	English:		
Date of establishment				Homepage			
Address							
Person in charge	Name:			Position:			
	Phone number:			Cellphone number:			
	Fax:			E-mail:			
Participant	①②						
(Position /Name)	3 4						
Product for the exhibition	Product Name						
	Packing type						
	Volume						
	Supply price						
Other requirements				·			

1. How to sell products

- Gunsan will import the agreed amount of products in bulk and sell them at the festival.
- Companies must ensure that their products arrive at the designated time and location designated by Gunsan (or an import agent), and provide the necessary documents for product transportation and import.
- 2. Supports participating enterprises
 - Installing booths for promotion and sales (support for printed exhibition materials and one salesperson).
 - * A company should provide exhibition materials and information.
 - Providing participating companies with the equipment necessary for the promotion and booth operation of participating companies
 - Accommodation support for participating companies (up to 2 rooms for 4 nights per hotel within the area)
 - Providing transportation from the Incheon International Airport to Gunsan and vice versa (A Gunsan City's official vehicle for the travel from the Incheon International Airport to Gunsan, and The express bus from Gunsan to the Incheon International Airport)
 - Providing vehicles for transportation between the hotel and the event venue
 - During the 3-day event, lunch and dinner boxes will be provided (including hotel breakfast). One or two welcoming dinners throughout the period will be provided.

I hereby apply to participate in "GUNSAN BREWS & BLUES FESTIVAL 2023" under the same conditions as stated above.

Representative	(Signature)

May ____, 2023



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Drew Dilkens Mayor Windsor, Canada

Dear Mr. Dilkens,

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my deep respect and on behalf of the Khmelnytskyi community, I would like to express my interest in establishing economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation between the city of Khmelnytskyi and the city of Windsor.

From the first days of the war with the russian federation, Canada has not stood aside but has gone hand in hand with Ukraine. All the Ukrainian people are grateful for your non-indifference, provided help and support, which is an invaluable contribution to our future common victory over the enemy. True friends are known in trouble, but we want to continue our friendship even on peaceful and joyful days, so we propose considering the prospect of further cooperation at the official level between our cities.

Khmelnytskyi is a city of regional significance, with a total area of 9,305 hectares, the city's population is about 300 thousand people. Khmelnytskyi is the largest economic and cultural center.

The city is known throughout Ukraine as a city of commerce, which has leveraged its history as a trading center to become a major location for consumer goods manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade.

The industrial complex of the city is represented by about 1000 enterprises that manufacture a wide range of products: rubber and plastic products, preforms for the production of PET-bottles, stretch film, impurities in construction mixtures, and other non-metallic mineral products; transformers and transformer substations, automatic molding machines, equipment for mini brick factories, special equipment for radar and aviation, devices for safe movement on the railway, gas and water meters, medical equipment, equipment for the dairy industry, agricultural equipment; food; footwear, clothing, textiles, carpets and rugs; building materials, construction nails, joinery, slate; finished metal products; corrugated cardboard, paper, and cardboard packaging, printing products, etc.

We are working on the creation of the Khmelnytskyi Industrial Park as a powerful innovation and technological entity that will stimulate investment and production activities in the local area and increase the investment attractiveness of the city of Khmelnytskyi. Priority areas of economic activity

within the Khmelnytskyi Industrial Park include mechanical engineering, textile production, production of electrical equipment, and agricultural processing.

Khmelnytskyi is the largest not only economic but also the cultural center of the Khmelnytskyi region. It attracts people with its incredible atmosphere of creativity, recreational opportunities, good leisure and hospitality. The cultural life of Khmelnytskyi is full of vivid artistic events: competitions, festivals, exhibitions, performances and concerts both indoors and outdoors.

The city is one of the neatest and greenest regional centres in Ukraine, located on both sides of the Southern Bug River. Public green areas include parks, squares and the embankment. The city's streets and squares are full of green chestnuts and linden trees, numerous flower beds and fountains.

Khmelnytskyi has won many international awards in particular the city received the Europe Prize, the highest award given by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to individual cities for spreading European ideals.

According to a study by the USAID International Organization, Khmelnytskyi was the most competitive city in Ukraine for three years in a row before russia's full-scale invasion.

With this in mind, given the long-standing friendly relations between our countries, as well as the established Ukrainian-Canadian relations in the political, trade, and economic spheres, we offer you to start a partnership between the cities of Khmelnytskyi and Windsor.

Given that the city of Windsor is a dynamic and vibrant city with leading automotive and transportation industries, and where major automotive assembly plants are located, we consider promising cooperation for the development of trade and economic relations and in particular, establishing new business ties.

Khmelnytskyi City Council is also interested in developing cooperation between organizations and institutions of business, science, culture, health care, education, aid and social security, sports, tourism and the environment of our cities.

I am confident that such a partnership will create a basis for the development of trade, economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation, as well as contribute to the dynamic and harmonious development of our cities.

If you have any questions, please contact Nataliya Sakharova, Head of the Economic Department (tel. +380630238531, e-mail: khm.rada.economy@gmail.com).

I hope for mutually beneficial cooperation.

Kind regards,

Oleksandr Symchyshyn Mayor

Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine



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Mr. Drew Dilkens Mayor of Windsor

Windsor City Hall 350 City Hall Square W, Windsor, ON N9A 6S1

June 9th, 2023

Re: Support for Ukraine's energy infrastructure

Mr. Mayor,

I would like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude for your kind attention and your city's support of the Ukrainian community and the Ukrainian people in this time of hardship.

On January 10th, 2023, the President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Ontario Provincial Council Mr.Taras Bahriy and I addressed to you a joint letter regarding Ukraine's energy infrastructure which was severely damaged during the massive Russian missile attacks in October 2022 – January 2023.

As you may know, these barbarous attacks on power plants, water filtration plants, electricity grids, gas storage facilities, hospitals, and schools left millions of Ukrainians without electricity, heating and water.

For this reason, we requested the City Hall of Windsor to consider the opportunity to acquire electricity generators for Ukraine or finance the acquisition thereof.

The situation has deteriorated significantly since then, especially following the recent destruction of the Nova Kahovka dam by Russian troops. This act of terrorism has resulted in the flooding of dozens of villages and small townships as well as in the destruction of a major source of electricity in the region – the hydro power plant – causing additional suffering to the civilian population and catastrophic damage to the local ecosystem.

The need for electricity generators is now at least as acute as it has been in the aftermath of the brutal missile attacks on civilian infrastructure.

That is why I am taking the liberty to reiterate our appeal to you and to the City Hall of Windsor to consider assisting Ukraine in purchasing electricity generators, either via direct donations of generators or of funds to purchase them. Such assistance will restore the proper functioning of schools, kindergartens, health clinics, small markets, and other critical civilian infrastructure until full reconstruction of the energy system in this and other regions of Ukraine, and thus drastically improve the everyday life of ordinary Ukrainians suffering from the war.

We are reaching out to other municipalities across Ontario and we have already received favorable responses including from the City of Oshawa and Pickering.

Every assistance from Ukraine's friends and allies brings us closer to victory and with it to the restoration of peace in Europe.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Oleksandr Shevchenko

Consul General of Ukraine

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in Toronto

Cc.: Mr. Taras Bahriy, President of the UCC Ontario Provincial Council

Mr. Peter Kryworuk, UCC London Brunch



THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR





Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, MPP Mississauga Centre Keynote Speaker

Save this date!

The 26th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner is scheduled on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., Windsor, Ontario.

The Jubilee Exhibition on the 550th Anniversary of the Birth of Nicolaus Copernicus

Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at the Ontario Legislative Assembly, Queen's Park, Toronto. We are grateful to all involved in this successful, historical event.









MPP, Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Master of Ceremonies and co-organizer of this event.







Also in attendance: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Minister Kaleed Rasheed, Minister Michael Ford, Minister Nina Tangri, Minister Kinga Surma, MPP Mike Schreiner, MPP John Fraser, MPP Thanigasalam and MPP Sheref Sabawy.



Victor Wolanski (left) - Copemicus Life and Legacy and David Makarczyk (right) presenting an extract from Copemicus letter to Pope Paul III.







Presentation of Copernicus Medallions, from left: Jerry Barycki - presenter, Kazimierz Chrapka, Richard Tyndrof, Zbigniew Gondek, Barbara Koczwara, Victor Wolanski, Ewa Barycka and Natalia Kusendova-Bashta.









Special visitor, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario joined us at the end of our event.

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Friday, May 12th – Tuesday May 16th 8:30-16:30 Copernicus (550) Jubilee Exhibition 13:00 Official opening ceremony. City Hall, 350 City Hall Square W., Windsor, ON Organized by Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor



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"I believe in one thing, that only a life lived for others is a life worth living." Albert Einstein