

AGENDA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

meeting held
Thursday, June 23, 2022
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. Declaration of Conflict

3. Minutes

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held March 31, 2022 – *attached*.

4. Presentation – Bangladesh-Canada Association, Windsor-Essex – International Mother Language Plaza

Dr. Fazle Baki to provide a Presentation relating to the fund raising initiative.

5. Business Items

5.1 Delegation from Fujisawa, Japan

Request from Fujisawa, Japan for a delegation of five to visit the City of Windsor between October 29, 2022 to November 2, 2022 for three nights.

5.2 Invitation for a Delegation from the City of Windsor to visit Fujisawa, Japan – 35th Anniversary as a Twin City

Invitation from Fujisawa, Japan for a delegation from the City of Windsor to visit Fujisawa by the end of February 2023.

5.3 Fujisawa Misono High School Girls Exchange Group

S. Gebauer to provide an update.

6. Communications

6.1 Mannheim Summer Camp for young gardeners and other young people from our Twin Cities – ***attached.***

6.2 International Work camp Mannheim Garden of Twin Cities – ***attached.***

6.3 E-mail regarding City of Mannheim invitation to participate in a twin city film project – ***attached.*** Letter to Mayor Dilkens regarding the making of a short film in which the heads of our twin towns and Mayor Dr. Kurz have their say – ***attached.***

6.4 Polish Heritage Month - May 1, 2022 to May 28, 2022 – ***attached.***

6.5 International Relations Committee sending \$5K to Polish twin city – Windsor Star article – ***attached.***

6.6 Letter from the Tigray Community of Windsor and Essex County to the Mayor and Members of Council.

7. New Business

7 Date of Next Meeting

To be determined.

8. Adjournment

International Relations Committee

Meeting held March 31, 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 Fred Francis
Councillor Fabio Costante
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Daniel Ableser
Jerry Barycki
Maria Belenkova-Buford
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma
L.T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Steven Spagnuolo

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:51 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 J. Barycki, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held February 2, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Communications

The Chair advises that the purpose of this meeting relates to discussions held with our Sister City in Lublin, Poland and the number of Ukrainian refugees that have crossed into Poland as a result of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. City Administration has gathered information for fundraising initiatives and have worked with other stakeholders to assist.

The Chair states that he worked with D. Ableser and Administration on a motion to be considered and supported. The proposed motion is read by D. Ableser.

Moved by D. Ableser, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada and the City of Lublin, Poland are twin cities and respect and honour our long standing relationship and friendship; and

WHEREAS the City of Lublin is approximately 100 kms from the border with Ukraine and, as the largest major city in Poland near the Ukraine border, has become the host community and point of first refuge for many refugees fleeing the ongoing war in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS the City of Windsor International Relations Committee wishes to support its twin city, the City of Lublin and relief agencies operating in Lublin, in their humanitarian efforts to support residents from Ukraine fleeing the war in Ukraine;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the IRC contribute Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars from the International Relations Committee's 2022 operating budget towards a humanitarian organization operating in Lublin to support refugees in Lublin from Ukraine;
2. That the IRC's contribution be to the Stowarzyszenie Homo Faber (Homo Faber Association) unless Administration, in consultation with local Polish and/or Ukrainian community organizations or our municipal partners in Lublin, Poland identify an alternative humanitarian organization to best support support refugees in Lublin from Ukraine.

Carried.

D. Ableser remarks that two of the objectives of the IRC are to support the efforts of Mayor and Council in the enhancements of the City of Windsor's image and to promote and enhance our relationship with our Twin Cities. These objectives can be met by supporting Lublin, one of our Twin Cities. Due to COVID, there has not been much of an opportunity to promote our Twin Cities relationships and spend money as directed to us by Council. The letter from the Mayor of Lublin identifies three Non-Governmental

Organizations (NGO's). The motion was crafted to mention the first NGO listed as the target for the donation but attempted to leave it open in the event that a determination by administration indicates that there is a better target organization.

M. Belenkova-Buford asks what the identified organization does.

S. Gebauer responds that Director Stanowski advised in the Zoom meeting held March 10, 2022, that they had selected these three NGO's that are providing humanitarian aid – everything from financial support to helping refugees coming across the border to help integrate them into the community. The money being collected is also used to provide free public transit.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Sleiman regarding providing notice to Lublin relating to the donation from the IRC, the Chair responds that Administration will reach out to the contacts in Lublin and to the organization who will receive the donation.

Moved by Councillor Costante, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 4.1 Letter from Mayor Zuk, Lublin, Poland dated March 3, 2022 regarding the current refugee crisis resulting from the conflict in Ukraine.
- 4.2 E-mail from the Coventry Association for International Friendship (CAIF), Coventry, England dated March 1, 2022 providing CAIF's Statement on Ukraine.
- 4.3 E-mail from the Coventry Association for International Friendship (CAIF), Providing their Second Statement on Ukraine.
- 4.4 Notes from a Zoom meeting held March 10, 202 regarding the current situation in the City of Lublin.
- 4.5 Windsor Star Article – Ukrainians seek refuge in Windsor's sister city in Poland.
- 4.6 Windsor Star Article – Plea for help from our twin city in Poland.
- 4.7 Mannheim Study Tour to Windsor – April 4-2022 .
- 4.8 Fundraising event for the refugees coming to Windsor to be held on April 6, 2022.
- 4.9 Article from The Associated Press dated March 11, 2022 entitled "China locks down city of 9 million amid new spike in cases".

Carried.

The Chair refers to the Mannheim Study Tour coming to the City of Windsor from April 4-6, 2022 and asks if three members of the IRC are available to welcome the delegations.

S. Gebauer responds that due to the restrictions, it was requested that the IRC host a luncheon for a small group (for two of their sessions on April 4, 2022). The lunch will be a “box lunch” and a motion for an expenditure in the upset amount of \$250. is required. The Study Tour offered three spots for IRC members to attend the networking event to be held on April 5, 2022. W. Ma, L.T. Zhao and D. Ableser have agreed to attend.

Moved by M. Belenkova-Buford, seconded by W. Ma,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$250. to sponsor a luncheon for the delegation of the Mannheim Study Tour to be held on April 4, 2022.

Carried.

5. News Business

None.

6. Date of Next Meeting

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

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:04 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

International Workcamp Mannheim

Garden of Twin Cities

July 10 - 17, 2022



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International Workcamp “Garden of Twin Cities” in Mannheim – Join in!

From **July 10 to 17, 2022** the city of Mannheim is running a Youth Workcamp with participants from its 11 twin cities and young people from Mannheim. An international group of around 30 young adults will create a part of the Mannheim “Garden of Twin Cities” in the city’s greenspace Luisenpark (<https://www.luisenpark.de/>). We invite two people from each twin city between the ages 18 to 25 to join in.

- ? Do you come from one of our twin cities or do you work there? Mannheims’s twin cities are: Berlin Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf in Germany, Bydgoszcz in Poland, Chişinău in Moldova, Haifa in Israel, Klaipėda in Lithuania, Qingdao in China, Riesa in Germany, Swansea in the UK, Toulon in France, Windsor in Canada or Zhenjiang in China?

- ? Do you work in horticulture or are you training in that field?

- ? Are you keen to get to know other young people from various parts of the world?

- ? Can you imagine involving yourself for a week in a community venture, with less emphasis on comfort, but finding your life enriched by some fantastic shared experiences?

If this is the case, please contact the International Office in your city and apply **by February 28, 2022** for the International Workcamp in Mannheim! Please submit the completed application form to the International Office in your city. The office in question will select the participants and pass the accepted applications on to the city of Mannheim. Once you receive a confirmation from Mannheim your participation is binding.

In June 2022 the preparation team in Mannheim will invite the participants to a virtual preliminary meeting via video conference. Here you will be able to get to know the other participants and raise any questions or ideas you may have about the Workcamp.

What can you expect in Mannheim?

- ✦ You will participate in creating the Garden of Twin Cities, for example by building its central square with a pavement of different stones typical for the twin cities or by planting trees, perennial plants or roses.
- ✦ You will be invited to get to know Mannheim's horticultural training workplaces.
- ✦ You will have time for reflection and have fun with intercultural learning activities.
- ✦ You will discuss internationally relevant future issues and sustainable urban development.
- ✦ You will share leisure activities (feel-good campfire included).
- ✦ We will produce a film and photographic documentation of the work-camp so that you can share your experiences with friends and with the people in Mannheim and all the other twin cities.
- ✦ Accommodation in a dormitory in Mannheim's youth hostel, full board

What should you bring:

- Personal protective clothing, especially shoes, in line with international standard S 3
- Basic English skills (Far more important than perfect language skills is a desire to communicate and the willingness to help others to a mutual understanding.)
- Sleeping bag (Bedlinen will be provided in the youth hostel. You will only need a sleeping bag for an overnight stay in the Luisenpark as part of the programme of leisure activities.)

Please organise the following in good time:

- Apply for a visa if this is necessary for entering Germany.
- Arrange travel insurance that covers medical expenses in Germany.
- Find out about flights or rail travel. We will help you with booking the travel arrangements. The city of Mannheim will cover the costs for your travel, accommodation and meals in Mannheim.

Why a Garden of Twin Cities, why a Workcamp?

In 2023, Mannheim is hosting the Bundesgartenschau (BUGA), Germany's annual national garden show. The BUGA site will include the Garden of Twin Cities, which will showcase the close ties that Mannheim maintains with its twin cities, in most cases going back many years. The display will be designed as a harmonious interplay of diversity and will remain after the BUGA as a permanent symbol of encounter and exchange. The Garden of Twin Cities will embody the growth and vibrancy of Mannheim's international relations. In addition to being a pleasant destination for a day trip, it will serve to inspire participation and creativity, it will attract new target groups whose interest for international cooperation may be aroused. Also, the Garden of Twin Cities will be a place to intensify the overall intercultural dialogue among citizens.

The garden is devised as an object of identification for both, Mannheim residents and visitors from the twin cities. From the outset, the planning and implementation of the garden was conceived as a participative activity. Both guests from Mannheim's twin cities as well as locals work together in designing and building the garden. Together, we will keep it alive and flourishing in the future through a range of celebrations and activities.

In October 2021, the city of Mannheim planned the garden in collaboration with experts from the twin cities. Now the **International Workcamp** marks the second step for Mannheim and its twin cities in the process of creating the Garden of Twin Cities. Alongside the horticultural work of the group, this youth project will also place a special focus on the intercultural exchange.

Notes on data protection:

As a preliminary meeting, there will be an international video conference involving the participants from the twin cities. During the Workcamp itself, photos and videos will be produced to illustrate the Workcamp on Mannheim's website and social media sites. Data collection may also be necessary under Covid-19 protection regulations. To data protection policy: <https://www.mannheim.de/de/stadt-gestalten/europa-und-internationales/partner-und-freundesstaedte/buga-23-garten-der-partnerstaedte/buga-23-garden-of-twin-cities-workcamp>

Do you have any questions? Then get in touch:

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Garden of Twin Cities – International Workcamp 2022

Dear Colleagues,

In October, the city of Mannheim held a very intensive virtual workshop with its twin cities to plan our *Garden of Twin Cities*. Horticultural experts from Bydgoszcz, Chişinău, Haifa, Klaipėda, Riesa, Toulon, Windsor and Zhenjiang took part in this discussion and achieved excellent results. We are in contact with the twin cities who were unable to take part so that we can integrate typical elements from those regions as well in the overall concept of the Garden of Twin Cities. I would like to thank you once again, for myself and on behalf of our Mayor Dr. Kurz, for all your commitment and the wonderful support of your horticultural colleagues.

In 2022, we look forward to taking the next step together with you. We are inviting up to two young gardeners or horticultural students from each twin city to take part in our International Workcamp in Mannheim from July 10 to 17. Apart from working directly on the Garden of Twin Cities, this workcamp is most of all designed to enable young people from our cities to meet each other and to strengthen the ties between our citizens.

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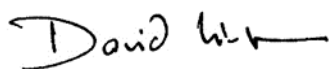
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We would like to ask for your support with regard to the selection of participants and the travel arrangements. Please publicise the project among young gardeners and horticultural students and select suitable representatives for your city. We attach further details of the workshop as well as the application form for participants. The colleagues from the International Office will be in touch with you to specify travel arrangements and other matters. The city of Mannheim will cover the costs of the stay and all travel expenses for the participants from the twin cities.

Together with the Mannheim City Council, my colleagues from the city administration, the Luisenpark and the BUGA Association, I am already very much looking forward to the Workcamp 2022!

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Linse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Linse
Head of Department
International and European Affairs and Protocol



Mannheim, April 13, 2022

To the Mayor of Windsor
Mr Drew Dilkens

Dear Mayor,

We would like to address you today with a personal request.

We, the members of the “Förderverein Städtepartnerschaften Mannheim”, the Mannheim Association for the Promotion of Town Twinning, are committed citizens who have made it our task to promote and strengthen the relations of our city society with our partner and friendship cities.

Especially in these times we all feel the need how important this is.

This year, we celebrate our 20th anniversary of foundation. To mark this occasion, we have thought of making a short film in which the heads of our twin towns and our Mayor Dr. Kurz have their say - and also to give a little insight into the life of our twin towns. Of course, it should also be an advertisement for your city and for the idea of twinning!

For this purpose, we would like to ask you to participate personally! And this in the form of a small survey.

We have come up with three small questions and we would like to ask you to answer them as briefly and concisely as possible.

1. two reasons why you should definitely visit Windsor!
2. what do you appreciate about your twin city Mannheim?
3. why is a town twinning so important for you?

In addition to Windsor, we would like to compile contributions from all our twin and friendship cities to a colourful mosaic of friendship and town twinning.

Of course, unfortunately we cannot visit you with a camera team. We need the help and support of your employees! Also with our second request:

4. A greeting from a younger citizen from Windsor to Mannheim, if possible, from a well-known place in your city!

We have put together a handout on how we have thought about the content and technical implementation, which is enclosed with this letter. For our plans, we were able to win a professional film production company, which supports us as a sponsor.

The deadline for handing in the film is **May 14, 2022**. We then want to show the film at our anniversary celebration and then also distribute it on the internet.

We would be very happy if we could win you and your city for our little film project! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@partnerstadt-mannheim.de.

Yours sincerely,

Förderverein Städtepartnerschaften Mannheim e.V.



Rüdiger Finke
Chairman



Michael Lind
Project Leader

In the attachment:

- handout
- upload instruction

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To: [Francis, Fred](#)
Cc: [Gebauer, Sandra](#); [Letourneau, Wanda](#); [Schanne, Pia 19](#)
Subject: Last Call - Invitation to Participate in the Mannheim Summer Camp for the International Garden Exhibition BUGA23
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Dear Councillor Fred Francis

Please allow me to address you today in your function as Chair of the International Relations Committee.

After the successful and inspiring online workshop week in October last year, in which we defined the outlines of the **Mannheim Garden of Twin Cities**, we are now approaching the next step in the process of turning the plan into reality:

From July 10 to 17, Mannheim will be hosting an International Summer Camp for young gardeners and other young people from our twin cities that interested in international exchange. The deadline which was originally end of February, had been moved back several times due to Covid19-issues and the shocking new reality of the war in Ukraine. **Now, we will definitely have to close the application process by the end of May.** Then, we will have to confirm the bookings of accommodation, restaurants etc.

From Windsor, we have not yet received an application or a commitment to send to young people. **The programme is fully financed by the city of Mannheim: the trip (flight, train etc.) as well as the accommodation, food and drink and the whole program of the stay will be covered by the city of Mannheim. Two people aged 18 to 26 are invited to come from Windsor to Mannheim.**

We wish very intensely to have as many twin cities participate in the summer camp as possible. Although much of the day will be spent with garden work in the new Garden of Twin Cities, it is most important to organise a meeting in which there is enough time for exchange, for getting to know each other in the group, for widening the view, experiencing the twin city Mannheim, finding out new things about oneself and about international exchange. As you yourself are travelling the world and have experienced the magic of getting to new places, I am certain to find in you an ambassador of our idea.

It would be most wished for to have **two young people from the Windsor Garden Department** participate in the programme. This would be most fitting, particularly as Wanda Letourneau has participated in the October workshop and contributed to a great extent and with great dedication to the planning of the garden.

However, if there is no chance to have such young people participate, we would be very happy to be informed accordingly. **We would then, from May 23 on, try for a short-notice invitation to the St Clair College where young people are trained in Landscape Horticulture.** They would have to send in the applications until May 31, as explained before.

Dear Councillor Fred Francis, we thank you very much for supporting our project! It is a matter of the heart for us, after two years of standstill in international travel and exchange in person, to have this youth summer camp happen. We believe whole-heartedly that this event will be a valuable experience for the young people and we will do our best to make sure that they will have a wonderful time in Mannheim!

Please do not hesitate to contact us any time in case of questions! We will also be happy to talk to any young person that is interested in coming to Mannheim. You can contact me or my colleague Pia Schanne who is the responsible project manager. All necessary information in the attachment.

With best regards,

Jana

Jana Garbrecht
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POLISH
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ONTARIO
MAY 2022



Polish Heritage Month in Windsor, May 2022

Sunday, May 1

10:30 & 12:30 Holy Mass for the Homeland, followed by Artistic Programme by the Polish School, Parish Choir, "Pod Niebem Pana" band, ZHP Windsor, vocals by „Polskie Nadzieje” Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON

14:30-15:30 The May 3rd Constitution – Presentation by the PPHA Youth Group
Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON
Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association udronkate@gmail.com

Monday, May 2

11:30 Opening of 20th Anniversary Windsor-Lublin Twin Cities Display, until May 9th
City Hall 350 City Hall Square W., Windsor, ON
Organized by the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor
jerrybarycki@gmail.com

15:45 Proclamation of Polish Heritage Month in Windsor and Raising of the Polish Flag
City Hall. 350 City Hall Square W., Windsor, ON
Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association info@polishclubwindsor.ca

Tuesday, May 3

19:00 Holy Mass on the Feast Day of Our Lady Queen of Poland
Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON

Sunday, May 8

12:00- 16:00 Mother's Day Lunch. Maria Skłodowska-Curie- Display
Tickets \$30 (plus tax) Children (5-12) \$15 (plus tax)
13:00-16:00 Performances by Magda Kamiński, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, vocals by "Polskie Nadzieje", Marcin Balcerak, Stanisław Łukawski-piano
Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON
Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association info@polishclubwindsor.ca

Monday, May 9-13

After dusk Illumination of Colours of the Polish Flag
City Hall Building, 350 City Hall Square W. Windsor, ON
Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association (info@polishclubwindsor.ca)

Monday, May 9-17

Novena for the Intercession of St. John Paul II, weekdays at 19:00, Saturday at 17:00, Sunday at 10:30, and 12:30. Pope John Paul II-Display
Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E. Windsor, ON

Saturday, May 14

13:00 Volleyball Tournament
19:00 Dancing under the Stars. Bar and kitchen-open
Polish Beach Club, 697 Fox Pl., Harrow, ON
Organized by the PPHA Youth Group mslusarczyk@polishclubwindsor.ca

Wednesday, May 18

19:00 Thanksgiving Holy Mass on the 102nd Birthday of St. John Paul II
Evening Gathering dedicated to the Memory of St. John Paul II and Jasna Góra Appeal
Pope John Paul II- Display.
Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON

Tuesday, May 24

17:00 Commemoration of the 479th Anniversary of the death of Nicolaus Copernicus
Lighting of Candles at Astrolabium and Sundial
Jackson Park, 125 Tecumseh Rd E., Windsor, ON
Organized by ZHP Windsor

18:00 Introduction to the Life of Nicolaus Copernicus. Film Presentation
Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON
Organized by ZHP Windsor david.makarczyk@mytools2go.ca

Saturday, May 28

18:00 Polish Heritage Gala.
Performances by "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, vocals by "Polskie Nadzieje".
The Wawel Treasures- Display
Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON
Tickets \$65 per person. Contact: 519 817 6377
Organized by the Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. mrkulesza@hotmail.com

All events are free except May 8 (Lunch) and May 28 (Gala)



Please celebrate Polish Heritage Month by displaying Polish flags.

"Thank you" to our Sponsors and Organizers.





POLISH HERITAGE MONTH



Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor, with David Posala, and Klaudia Blonka, "Tatry Song and Dance Ensemble".

May 2022, Windsor, Ontario

CANADA

Sunday, May 1

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Fr. Stanisław Izdebski

Sunday, May 1

14:30-15:30 The May 3rd Constitution – Presentation by the PPHA Youth Group. Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON
Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association.



Małgorzata Holec,
President, Polish Peoples'
Home Association.



Monday, May 2

11:30 Opening of 20th Anniversary Windsor-Lublin Twin Cities Display, until May 9th. City Hall, 350 City Hall Square W., Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.



From left: Fred Francis, David Posala, Drew Dilkens, Klaudia Blonka, Stephen MacKenzie and Jerry Barycki.



Monday, May 2

15:45 Proclamation of Polish Heritage Month in Windsor and Raising of the Polish Flag, City Hall, 350 City Hall Square W., Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association.



Gerry Koski, President Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc., with Maria Zalewska (L) and Vanessa Udron.



Małgorzata Holec, Fred Francis, Councillor, City of Windsor, and members of "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble.



Sunday, May 8

12:00 - 16:00 Mother's Day Lunch. Performances by "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, Maria Skłodowska Curie Display. Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association.



Sunday, May 8

13:00 16:00 Performances by Magda Kamiński, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, vocals by "Polskie Nadzieje", Marcin Balcerak, Stanislaw Łukawski on piano, Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association.



From left: Michal and Maria Zalewscy, Danuta Pogorzelska (organizer), Julia Zalewska, Magda Kamiński and Marcin Barcelak (performers).

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Holy Trinity Church, Choir



Polskie Nadzieje, vocal group



Wednesday, May 25

17:00 Commemoration of the 479th Anniversary of the death of Nicolaus Copernicus
Lighting of Candles at Astrolabium and Sundial, Jackson Park, 125 Tecumseh Rd E.,
Windsor, ON. Organized by ZHP Windsor.



18:00 Introduction to the Life of Nicolaus Copernicus. Film Presentation. Dom Polski
Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by ZHP Windsor.



Dawid Makarczyk, Leader ZHP Windsor

Saturday, May 28

18:00 Polish Heritage Gala. Performances by "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, vocals by "Polskie Nadzieje". The Wawel Treasures Display, Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc.

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH
Windsor Ontario, 2022

Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc.
cordially invites you to attend

The Polish Heritage Gala
Saturday, May 28th, 2022
Dom Polski
1275 Langlois Ave.

Tickets: \$65.00 per person
Cocktails at 6:00pm
Dinner (with wine) to follow
Cash Bar

Performing: Tatry Song and Dance Ensemble
Polskie Nadzieje
Krzysztof Budzik (vocals)
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Polskie Nadzieje



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From left: Percy
Hatfield, Małgorzata
Holec and Maria
Kulesza, Chair of
Polish Heritage
Gala.



Speakers from left: Percy Hatfield, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Gerry Koski, President Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc., Pascal Calarco, Librarian, Leddy Library, Jerry Barycki, President, Canadian Polish Congress, Windsor Br.



Fred Francis, Executive Director, Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Jerry Barycki, coordinator of Polish Heritage Month in Windsor.

The Centennial Gold Medal recipients, from left: Dominik Roszak, V-President, Canadian Polish Congress, Małgorzata Holec, President Polish Peoples' Home Association and Irek Kuśmierczyk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh.



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Dear Sandra,

thank you very much for such a good news and please thank for all of us the IRC of the City of Windsor! I will keep you up to date on further developments not only concerning your generous donation but on a situation in Lublin overall. The letter from Mr Żuk will follow soon.

Thank you again, all the best, Joanna

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Windsor!

On behalf of the International Relations Committee I would like to be by thanking you for reaching out to us regarding the present circumstances in Lublin. Many thanks to Director Stanowski for taking the time to meet via zoom to explain and give a clear picture of the current situation and how our twin city has stepped up during these unprecedented times to support the people of Ukraine who are fleeing their war torn country.

We are pleased to inform you that at our recent meeting of the International Relations Committee, the Members have adopted the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada and the City of Lublin, Poland are twin cities and respect and honour our long standing relationship and friendship; and

WHEREAS the City of Lublin is approximately 100 kms from the border with Ukraine and, as the largest major city in Poland near the Ukraine border, has become the host community and point of first refuge for many refugees fleeing the ongoing war in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS the City of Windsor International Relations Committee wishes to support its twin city, the City of Lublin and relief agencies operating in Lublin, in their humanitarian efforts to support residents from Ukraine fleeing the war in Ukraine;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the IRC contribute Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars from the International Relations Committee's 2022 operating budget towards a humanitarian organization operating in Lublin to support refugees in Lublin from Ukraine;
2. That the IRC's contribution be to the Stowarzyszenie Homo Faber (Homo Faber Association) unless Administration, in consultation with local Polish and/or Ukrainian community organizations or our municipal partners in Lublin, Poland identify an alternative humanitarian organization to best support refugees in Lublin from Ukraine.

We have been informed that the transfer of funds will be complete this week.

For your reference, we have attached an article, which appeared in the Windsor Star, our local newspaper, regarding the Committee's decision.

Warm Regards,

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CORRECTION

In an April 5 story on A1 of the Windsor Star, "New transmission line projects announced for Southwestern Ontario," a Hydro One spokesperson misstated the date when the first of the announced transmission lines will be operational. The Chatham to Lakeshore Line is expected to be in service by the end of 2025, not 2024 as stated by the spokesperson.



Billy Goat Spring was a gift from Lublin, Poland, to Windsor in 2008 and sits in Centennial Park. The cities twinned in 2000. Lublin is located fewer than 100 kilometres from Poland's border with Ukraine and is the first point of contact for many refugees escaping the war with Russia. *DAX MELMER*

International Relations Committee sending \$5K to Polish twin city

Lublin has so far accepted thousands of Ukrainians fleeing Russian invasion

TAYLOR CAMPBELL

Windsor's International Relations Committee is giving a third of its annual budget to support Ukrainian refugees flooding Lublin, Poland, one of Windsor's twin cities.

The committee unanimously voted last week to contribute \$5,000 toward a humanitarian organization operating in Lublin, which has accepted thousands of people fleeing the Russian invasion.

Located fewer than 100 kilometres from Poland's border with Ukraine, Lublin has become the first point of refuge for many of those escaping the war. Some only

spend a night or two in emergency shelters before moving on to stay with family and friends in other parts of Poland, or in neighbouring countries. However, thousands of refugees now remain in Lublin — a city that normally has a population of about 350,000 — in an effort to remain close to their motherland.

"We want to, with at least some small token, show our support for our sister city, for the efforts that they've been undertaking," Daniel Ableser, the committee member behind the motion, told the Star.

The committee typically covers costs to host a delegation from one of Windsor's dozen twin cities each year, Ableser said, but that hasn't happened during the pandemic. As a result, the committee has saved some money.

"We had the funds available," he said. "I thought that this made sense as a way to meet our objectives and support a twin city."

Local government, non-governmental organizations and volunteers continue to work together to support refugees in Lublin, including efforts to integrate displaced people into society. Restaurants have been offering free hot meals and schools have opened their doors to children from Ukraine.

In a letter last month, Lublin Mayor Krzysztof Zuk told the Windsor committee his city stands "side by side with neighbouring Ukraine and offers support."

Ward 1 Coun. Fred Francis, committee chair, said the committee is limited in what it can do, "but they wanted to do something."

"We tune into the news every

night. Everyone's following what's going on in Ukraine, and I don't think Canadians could sit idly by and do nothing when people are suffering and dying. It's sure as hell something Windsorites won't do."

Refugees started to arrive at Lublin shortly after Russia first invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24.

Lublin became Windsor's twin city in 2000 under former Windsor mayor Mike Hurst. In the decades since, the cities' mayors and other representatives have paid each other numerous visits.

In 2008, Lublin gave the City of Windsor a bronze fountain — Billy Goat Spring — similar to a larger one found in the Polish city. The fountain still stands adorned by a billy goat and Lublin's coat of arms in Centennial Park on Windsor's waterfront.

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Tigers home opener party back from COVID restrictions

TREVOR WILHELM

Set your alarm — the biggest party in Major League Baseball is back and no one is wasting a moment.

After cancellation in 2020 and a hobbled effort last year with COVID-19 restrictions, the Detroit Tigers Opening Day celebration is returning Friday in all its excessive glory.

Game time, against the Chicago White Sox, is 1:10 p.m. Of course, any home opener veteran knows the party starts much earlier.

Tailgaters will begin setting up camp across downtown Detroit early Friday morning, and the doors to most bars, festivals and other events open at 9 a.m. — or earlier.

"We will be open at 7 a.m.," said John Lambrecht, owner of Bookies Bar and Grille a few blocks from Comerica Park. "We always open up early for the diehard fans. This is really the start of spring for people. I think that especially coming out of COVID, people are anxious to have some normalcy. So hopefully this party will be an introduction back to that."

With the end of Canada's requirement for proof of a negative COVID-19 test to return home, Windsorites can join the party relatively hassle free. But don't forget to fill out the ArriveCan app before heading back to Windsor. And while mask mandates in Canada have largely been lifted, the government has implemented a hard-to-enforce rule that people must wear a mask in public — indoors and outdoors — for 14 days after returning from the U.S.

If you're going, it's probably a good idea to bundle up and bring an umbrella. InEnvironment Canada is forecasting 10C on Friday with a 60 per cent of rain. And you'll have to find your own transportation.



Tailgaters will set up around downtown Detroit and Comerica Park early Friday. *GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES*

Transit Windsor has yet to resume tunnel bus service.

Some private entities are picking up the slack. Pinnacle Peak Hospitality is offering a Detroit tailgate party and a bus that leaves from downtown Windsor at 9 a.m. Friday. Tickets are available at eventbrite.com.

"It's a special day to me and it's a pretty special day to a lot of Windsorites as well," said company owner Chris McCall, who was born and raised in Windsor. "My dad was taking me to Opening Day when I was like five years old at old Tiger Stadium. I know how special the day is from just sitting in those bleachers back in the day. So for me it's thrilling to be back."

If you're heading to the game, there are a few things to consid-

er. There are no capacity restrictions at Comerica Park, which can hold 41,083 fans. Masks are not required. The park, including concessions, has gone cashless. All tickets are now digital. Bags, purses and clutches are prohibited.

Ballpark foodies can look forward to a dozen new menu items including the Notorious P.I.G., a magical combination of smoked pulled pork, mac and cheese, onion straws, pickled jalapenos and barbecue sauce on an onion roll.

If you're skipping the game, or plan to pre-game, you also have options.

Among them are Fillmore Detroit's free indoor bash with live music and the game on a big screen. Doors for that open at 7 a.m.

The Detroit Home Opener Fes-

tival on Madison Avenue, billed as the city's largest Opening Day Party, starts at 9 a.m. with live bands, DJs, video walls, beer tents, games and more.

Virtually every bar and restaurant in downtown Detroit is opening early and offering specials.

"We'll have all three floors open," said Lambrecht, whose plans also include a rooftop patio, rotating DJs, a heated parking lot tent and outdoor TVs. "We really transformed to make sure we add bars throughout the restaurant so you can literally get a beer or a drink every 20 feet. It's a big party, so whether you have tickets to the game or not, we make sure everybody has a great time."

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Re: Please Help Tigrayans in Windsor and Essex County

Date: April 14/2022

“Brothers and sisters, pray for us.”

1 Thessalonians 5:25

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

Psalms 133:1

Christians all over the world are looking forward to the Holy Week to observe, with special solemnity and devotion, the Passion of Jesus Christ, his great deeds, and crucifixion and, to Easter Sunday, to celebrate his resurrection. But for the second year and counting, Christians in Tigray can look to no such Holy Week or Easter for they are under total siege, now running for over 500 days. Waged in November 2020 by the joint forces of Ethiopia’s prime minister Abiy Ahmed, Eritrea’s dictator president Isaias Afewerki, and the Amhara militia, the ongoing genocidal war in the Tigray region of Ethiopia continues to cause gruesome atrocities on the people of Tigray.

Tigrayans, who pride themselves on adopting Christianity in the 4th century, and who performed the first translation of the Bible into an African language, are subjected to Nazi-style atrocities aimed at subjugating them to an autocratic rule for the last 17 months. The heinous war crimes they are forced to endure include but are not limited to extrajudicial mass killing including burning to death; weaponized rape including multiple sexual violations of women and girls in front of their family members; ethnic profiling and mass expulsion from their work; closing of Tigrayan businesses, and incarceration in Nazi-style concentration camps across the country. These atrocities didn’t even spare priests and monks and to date, some 326 Tigrayan clergies have been killed. Furthermore, on the eve of the annual celebration of Aksum Tsion Mariam, over 700 people have been brutally massacred in the compounds of the church which hosts The Arch of the Covenant.

In addition to unprecedented looting and physical destruction of cities, transport and communication infrastructure, and power and manufacturing plants, the genocidal war of Abiy Ahmed and Isaias Afewerki is also causing untold destruction to ancient churches, mosques, and monasteries. The world is witnessing the inhuman destruction of historical heritage in Tigray on an unprecedented scale. The plundering of ancient manuscripts from churches, mosques, and monasteries is widespread - listings have already started featuring on eBay.

To advance their ethnic cleansing objectives against the people of Tigray, Abiy Ahmed and Isaias Afewerki are leveraging every tool at their disposal, including the complete deprivation of access to water, food, banking, electricity, transportation, telecommunications, medical supplies, and independent media. As Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of WHO recently stated, “The siege of six million people in Tigray by Eritrean and Ethiopian forces for over 500 days is one of the longest in modern history”. The weaponization of aid has meant nine out of every ten

Tigrayans are exposed to man-made famine. Vulnerable children, breastfeeding mothers, the elderly, and the infirm, are currently dying in their hundreds due to lack of food and medication. Early in March 2022, researchers from Belgium's Ghent University estimated 50,000-100,000 have been massacred by the invading forces, 150,000-200,000 have died from starvation and another 100,000 from lack of medication. Despite the scale and length of these atrocities, once again, the world is quietly witnessing a massive genocide in the making. Here in Canada, the government has taken a lackluster response, preferring empty pronouncements of condemnation - not even joining the USA and the EU and cutting its aid to the Ethiopian regime.

As for the Canadian public, not much is known about the scale of continuing tragedy in Tigray since it is not adequately reported in public media. As atrocities go, the systematic genocide and siege starvation against Tigrayans are an extreme threat to the mere survival of Tigrayans and deserves a commensurate response. We the Tigrayan Canadians who reside in Windsor don't know whether members of our family still are alive or not. It has been more than seven months since the phone lines are disconnected, and the bank accounts are disabled letting Tigrayan millionaires, professors, and doctors starve.

As members of the global Christian community, we feel your support is critical in these trying times for Christians in Tigray. We urge you to think of their plight and include them in your prayers in the coming Holy Week and Easter Sunday Mass. This Easter, Tigrayans are threatened with extermination; let's join our hands in prayer for unfettered access to humanitarian aid, the lifting of the siege, and a peaceful resolution of the conflict. Where possible, it will also help if we can urge our MPs to ask our government to take decisive action to stop the ongoing war crime against Tigrayans in Ethiopia.

With God's Grace,

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Secretary of the Tigray community of Windsor and the chairman of ATCC, Association of Tigrayan Communities in Canada
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Some Published articles related to the story:

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Dr. Tedros Adhanom, the director of WHO, speaks about the gravity of the need for urgent AID to help the Tigray people. He says "I don't know if the world gives equal attention to black and white life? "The world is not treating the human race the same way. Some are more equal than others. I hope the world comes back to its senses and treats all human lives equally"

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