

AGENDA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

meeting held
Thursday, March 31, 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 February 2, 2022 – ***attached.***

4. Communications

- 4.1 Letter from Mayor Zuk, Lublin, Poland dated March 3, 2022 regarding the current refugee crisis resulting from the conflict in Ukraine – ***attached.***
- 4.2 E-mail from the Coventry Association for International Friendship (CAIF), Coventry, England dated March 1, 2022 providing CAIF's Statement on Ukraine – ***attached.***
- 4.3 E-mail from the Coventry Association for International Friendship (CAIF), Providing their Second Statement on Ukraine – ***attached.***
- 4.4 Notes from a Zoom meeting held March 10, 202 regarding the current situation in the City of Lublin – ***attached.***
- 4.5 Windsor Star Article – Ukrainians seek refuge in Windsor's sister city in Poland – ***attached.***

4.6 Windsor Star Article – Plea for help from our twin city in Poland – ***attached.***

4.7 Mannheim Study Tour to Windsor – April 4-2022 – ***attached.***

4.8 Fundraising event for the refugees coming to Windsor to be held on April 6, 2022 – ***attached.***

4.9 Article from The Associated Press dated March 11, 2022 entitled “China locks down city of 9 million amid new spike in cases” – ***attached.***

5. **New Business**

6. **Date of Next Meeting**
To be determined.

7. **Adjournment**

International Relations Committee

Meeting held February 2, 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, Chair
Councillor Fabio Costante
Councillor Gary Kaschak
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Daniel Ableser
Jerry Barycki
Maria Belenkova
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma
Scott Despina

Regrets received from:

Steven Spagnuolo

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Wadah Al-Yassiri, Manager Parks Development
Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:33 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 Kaschak, seconded by J. Barycki,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held
October 20, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Twin City Post

W. Al-Yassiri provides a presentation **attached** as Appendix “A” illustrating the final design of the Twin City Post, as follows:

- Mock-up provided which depicts the look of the signs for the post.
- Pole location with the directional signs
- Confirmed all aspects of the post have been vetted with other city departments.
- The signage on the post will replicate the city street signs with the addition of colours, fonts and according to the direction of the Committee. The sign will be on a white backdrop with a black border, with the arrow and lettering in black with the exception of the flag which will be in colour.
- Seeking direction on how the signage will look, i.e. which option is preferred by the Committee.
- Signs will be double-sided.

The Chair indicates that any reference to the Post should be “Twin Cities” rather than “Sister Cities”. He suggests that the country of the respective twin city should be included on the signage.

J. Barycki states that the country should not be included on the post as the public should be aware of that particular country’s flag.

M. Belenkova concurs with Mr. Barycki and adds if people are unaware of a country’s flag; it will offer an opportunity to do research about that country.

Discussion ensues regarding the font size on the signage.

R. Haidar remarks that the Twin City Post is more about the twin city than the country.

D. Ableser leans towards including the country name. He states that he would not recognize Las Vueltas or the country flag and visually prefers the third option from the presentation.

Councillor Sleiman is in agreement with adding the country to the Twin City Post.

R. Haidar suggests that the current rectangular sign be tapered off as an arrow pointing in the direction of the respective country.

W. Al-Yassiri indicates that the amount of space on the sign will be affected by the tapering of the sign to create an arrow. He adds that he will contact the Traffic Department regarding this request. He remarks that the majority of the signs will be pointed in a northeast direction.

In response to a question asked by the Chair regarding the font size on Option #1 and Option #4, W. Al-Yassiri responds that Option #1 has four inch lettering and Option #4 has two inch lettering.

The Chair asks which of the four options is favoured by the Committee and the vote indicates that five members prefer Option #1 (includes the country) and four members choose Option #4. The Chair indicates that #1 is the preferred option.

W. Al-Yassiri advises that the Twin Cities Post will be placed at the northwest corner of City Hall, south of the Councillor's parking lot. The Post will have a cobra head, which will provide light to the signs and will ensure that the signs are staggered in a way so they will fit nicely and will be out of reach of any vandals.

The Chair requests that W. Al-Yassiri provide a full mock-up for Option #1 that includes the tapered signs and the post.

W. Al-Yassiri states that the sign at the top of the Post sign will say "Twin Cities of Windsor" with the Canadian flag. He asks what the verbiage will be on the plaque at the bottom the Post.

The Chair responds that there is verbiage that outlines the purpose of the Twin Cities.

5. Communications

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

- 5.1 Sister City Partnership Agreement between the Sovereign State of Shrikailasa and the City of Windsor.
- 5.2 International Children's Games to be held in 2022 in Coventry, England.
- 5.3 2021 Virtual Children's Art Exhibition – E-mail from Pia Schanne, Mannheim, Germany
- 5.4 Letter from Mayor Dr Kurz, Mannheim, Germany thanking Mayor Dilkens for congratulating him on receiving the World Mayor International Award.

- 5.5 E-mail from Pia Schanne, Mannheim, Germany regarding the Youth Workcamp – Garden of Twin Cities.

Carried.

6. New Business

None.

7. Date of Next Meeting

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

8. Adjournment

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

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



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Lublin, 3 marca 2022 r.

Dear friends,

In the face of unprecedented military aggression against Ukraine, the City of Lublin stands side by side with neighbouring Ukraine and offers support. As a matter of urgency, we are preparing a comprehensive package of aid measures for people who have fled war.

Emergency housing for people fleeing Ukraine has been put in place in several locations throughout Lublin. The City of Lublin is ready to accommodate 15 000 people (in schools, dormitories and other adapted to that purpose facilities). Residents and businesses eagerly volunteer to host Ukrainian citizens under their roofs. Hospitality sector is no different. Restaurants offer hot meals free of charge to all those in need. Ukrainian children find places in Lublin's schools and pre-schools. A day-care centre and a children's room have also been launched to provide care for children and young people during their guardians' absence.

Since 28 February, citizens of Ukraine who seek refuge because of war are offered free public transport in Lublin.

Social Committee to Aid Ukraine operates in Lublin, as an umbrella organisation, to integrate help from Lublin self-government, NGOs and residents to support refugees from Ukraine. The Committee operates a 24-hour hotline and provides housing, food, legal aid, as well as support of psychologists and doctors, among many others. The Committee was joined by thousands of volunteers, including Lublin-based Ukrainian residents.

Hundreds of thousands of people come from Ukraine, and thousands are already in Lublin. At the moment there is no need to relocate refugees to other countries. However, this may change in the coming weeks.

Needs-driven collections for Ukrainian students – volunteers staying in Lublin – have also been held.

You are welcome to engage in help for Ukraine by providing:

1. **Humanitarian aid (we are ready to obtain a list of required items from our partner cities)**
2. **Donations payable to three organisations that work in the Committee, alongside the City of Lublin**
 - **Stowarzyszenie Homo Faber (Homo Faber Association), payment referenced 'Ukraine'**

Address: ul. Chopina 41/2, 20-023 Lublin, Poland



Bank name: Credit Agricole Bank Polski S.A.
Account No PL 93 1940 1076 3069 8598 0000 0000
SWIFT: AGR IPLPR

- Fundacja Kultury Duchowej Pogranicza (Foundation for Borderland Culture), with payment reference 'Ukraine' or 'Help for Ukrainian students'

Address: Aleja Warszawska 71, 20-803 Lublin, Poland
Bank name: Pekao S.A. IV o. Lublin
EUR Account No PL 54 1240 2500 1978 0011 1183 9802
USD Account No PL 03 1240 2500 1787 0011 1183 9600
SWIFT: PKOPPLPW

- Fundacja na rzecz Państwa Prawa (The Rule of Law Institute Foundation), payment reference 'Ukraine'

ul. Chopina 14/70, 20-023 Lublin, Poland
Bank name: Bank Pekao SA III O/Lublin
EUR Account No PL 02 1020 3150 0000 3402 0133 7096
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Thank you all for your solidarity. Let us stay in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mayor of Lublin
Krzysztof Żuk

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As a contact at one of Coventry's 26 Twin Cities - which were created after the terrible destruction of World War Two - we wish to send you the statement on Ukraine from the Coventry Association for International Friendship. If you are able to bring this to the attention of your Mayor, CEO or City Council, we would appreciate it -

CAIF's statement on Ukraine

Sunday, 27 February 2022

The Coventry Association for International Friendship was founded in 1962 as the Coventry Committee for International Understanding with a mission to promote international friendship and understanding and to create closer ties between the citizens of Coventry and the people of its twinned and linked towns.

For some 60 years we have worked to foster international goodwill in pursuit of our city's historic commitment to peace and reconciliation.

This week we have been shaken to the core by the decision of the Russian Government to impose its will on a neighbouring country, Ukraine, by the deployment of a mass of military might.

Those who use force to achieve their objectives seem always to operate on the basis of the absolute correctness of their position, seeing the world as black and white, good and bad, dark and light, but we, the members of CAIF, refuse to accept that one nation - in pursuit of a geo-political objective - has an unchallengeable right to attack and seize the very fundamentals of another nation inflicting incalculable hurt and damage on its citizens. As advocates of the efficacy of civic diplomacy, we expect that conflict should be resolved through negotiation.

CAIF's connections with Russia have always been predicated on mutual trust and respect and an unshakeable belief in the need to work with our friends to strive for peace in a world which is increasingly unstable and fragile. It should not be necessary to learn again the lesson of the past - that

when military conflict begins, in one way or another, everyone loses.

CAIF must express, therefore, its disapproval of what is happening today in Ukraine and appeal to Russia and the international community to take all necessary steps to prevent further violence and bring this conflict to a peaceful end.

Linda Hirons (Secretary), Councillor Ram Lakha O.B.E. (Chair)



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CAIF's second statement on Ukraine

Thursday, 10 March 2022

It has been two weeks since the Coventry Association for International Friendship (CAIF) made its first statement on the situation in Ukraine, a period during which the shock and horror has been increasing on a daily, incremental basis.

Given the way that the Russian invasion and attacks have escalated and the way in which Russian civil society is being coerced to align itself with the official version of events, CAIF feels it necessary to make a new statement.

Previously, we expressed only disapproval of Russian actions but now we feel compelled to condemn the wanton destruction of habitations and public facilities, the senseless killing of men, women and children and the displacement of two million people, 4% of the Ukrainian population, as refugees.

We do not associate the Russian people at large with the decisions of their government and, indeed, we wish to place ourselves in solidarity with the individuals and groups in Russia who have bravely spoken out against the carnage being perpetrated in their name - in the face of the severe repression of freedom of expression and assembly.

Protests against Putin's war have come from - amongst many - members of Russia's Upper House of Parliament, members of the Russian Orthodox Church, representatives of Human Rights organisations, eminent literary figures, prominent personalities from the media, arts and culture, sportsmen and women, and citizens in many cities. University students who have taken part in protests have been expelled from their institutions and the employment of some ordinary working people has been terminated for voicing opposition. Numerous individuals have chosen to place themselves in exile outside their native homeland.

Even more troubling is the threat by Putin's Government to use nuclear weapons, which would be illegal under international law in almost all conceivable circumstances, as attested by several international declarations and conventions, the most important of which are -

- International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- Hague Convention
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Geneva Convention

We call on our friends in Coventry and the United Kingdom and the citizens and representatives of all of Coventry's twin cities and friendship towns to –

- Express, wherever they are able, their opposition to the wanton destruction of habitations and public facilities and the senseless killing of humanity in Ukraine.
- Associate themselves with CAIF in working towards a world in which the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons is re-affirmed in international law, to which all civilised nations are signatories.



On March 10, 2022 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., a Zoom meeting took place to discuss the current situation in the City of Lublin.

On the call were:

Krzysztof Stanowski, Director, International Cooperation, Lublin Municipal Office
 Malgorzata Holec, President, Polish People's Home Assoc.
 Jerry Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor
 Councillor Fred Francis, Chair, International Relations Committee
 Daniel Ableser, International Relations Committee
 Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
 Taylor Campbell, Windsor Star
 Dale Molnar, CBC News

Mr. Stanowski provided the following:

- As of March 10, 2022, 1.3 Million people arrived from Ukraine to Poland and Lublin is one of the two main channels for refugees.
- Lublin is currently flooded with refugees fleeing Ukraine, mainly women and children 18 and under as men are unable to leave.
- Many are staying with extended family.
- This is the biggest and fastest refugee crisis since WWII
- On the first day of the war the City of Lublin along with 3 NGOs established a joint committee, which now has 17 sub-committees to assist with the situation
- A 24/7 information line in 3 languages has been put in place to provide information and to assist those in need to assist with travel, food, psychological assistance, and to organize housing
- Refugees are being met at the train and bus stations by volunteers who speak Ukrainian and can provide assistance
- Many residents are offering flats to help accommodate those in need
- Restaurants are offering free food to refugees
- Kids invited to Kindergarten class
- Free public transportation is being offered to all refugees
- Lublin is starting to think about schools as well as integration into the community as they anticipate up to 5 million refugees.
- Those coming into Poland may move into Western Europe if they have family but most will stay close to the border.
- At this time, temporary shelter is being offered along with hot meals.
- Humanitarian assistance is being transferred from France, Germany and other western countries as there is a need for additional beds and medical staff

Mr. Stanowski indicates that any assistance would be very much appreciated either to Lublin, by sending financial aid via the 3 NGOs, or directly to Ukraine.

Councillor Francis indicates that the letter that was received from the Mayor of Lublin, which provided information on where to send aid (NGOs), will be shared with City Council at the next Council meeting and that the International Relations Committee will further discuss at their upcoming meeting.

Malgorzata Holec, President, Polish People's Home Assoc. indicates that the community has started fundraising and has raised \$29,274, which was sent for medication, food and support to her home city in Poland, located 150 kms from Lublin and close to the Ukraine border.

Councillor Francis thanks Mr. Stanowski for the first hand account of what is happening in Lublin and indicates that the IRC will help communicate this information.



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Work has begun on the support towers' final sections known as the pylonhead — the peak of the towers that will provide the support which feeds out the steel cables that will eventually hold up the bridge deck. **DAN JARZBER**

An 'exciting' Howe bridge milestone for work crews

Construction ready for next phase as tower legs have reached height

DAVE BATTAGELLO

Progress on the Gordie Howe International Bridge continues to push forward as the construction team announced Wednesday the tower legs of the planned six-lane cable-stayed bridge have reached their full height of 140 metres. Work has now begun on each of the support towers' final sections known as the pylonhead — the peak of the towers that will provide the support that feeds out the vast array of steel cables that will eventually hold up the bridge deck.

"It's exciting for the project team to see this stage of tower construction get to this point," said Heather Grondin, vice-president of corporate affairs for the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), which is overseeing construction. "The towers will continue to be

worked on for the remainder of this year, but getting to this point where the tower legs have reached their full height is really exciting for people on site to see."

Work on the pylonheads will continue for the remainder of this year. When completed, it will add another 80 metres in height to the bridge's two primary support towers located on each side of the Detroit River.

Together, the bridge towers and cable system are being constructed to support nearly 15.4 million kilograms (34 million pounds) of weight.

SEE BRIDGE ON **A4**

Ukrainians seek refuge in Windsor's sister city in Poland

TAYLOR CAMPBELL

Thousands of Ukrainians fleeing the Russian invasion have found refuge in Lublin, Poland, one of Windsor's sister cities.

In a letter to Windsor's international relations committee last week, Lublin Mayor Krzysztof Zuk said the city was ready to accommodate 15,000 people in schools, dormitories and other facilities recently adapted for refugees. Several thousand have already arrived.

"In the face of unprecedented military aggression against Ukraine, the City of Lublin stands side by side with neighbouring Ukraine and offers support," Zuk wrote.

"As a matter of urgency, we are preparing a comprehensive package of aid measures for people who have fled war."

Residents and businesses have "eagerly" volunteered to host Ukrainian citizens under their roofs, he said. Restaurants are offering free hot meals to those in need, schools are opening their doors to children from Ukraine, and a daycare has been launched for refugee kids with absent guardians.

Jerry Barycki, a member of Windsor's international relations committee and president of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professionals Association, told the Star it's all hands on deck for his counterparts in Lublin.

"This is the movement. This is what the entire world is doing," he said. "They are united against...evil."

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City's Polish community helps from afar

REFUGEES FROM AJ

People from Lublin and across Poland have been driving to the border in empty vehicles, picking up as many Ukrainians as they can and bringing them back to stay in their homes for the foreseeable future, Burycki said. The city's airport is likely welcoming planes containing supplies for Ukraine.

Since Feb. 28, Lublin has offered free public transportation to citizens of Ukraine seeking refuge.

The Polish community in Windsor-Essex has been providing support from afar, raising money for and donating to agencies providing relief to Ukraine and those displaced by the violent invasion.

On March 3, the board of directors for Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. and its subsidiary, Global Maintenance Co., sent \$20,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for Ukraine. In addition, a weekend pasta fundraiser held by the Polish Club of Windsor had raised more than \$29,000 as of Monday for the town of Lubyca Królewska in Poland — in Lublin province near the Ukrainian border that is receiving hundreds of refugees daily. Donations are still coming in days later.

"Very emotional day for everybody, it was," said Margaret Holc, the club's president, of Saturday's fundraiser. "In the end, we know that we have done something, at least what we can do. There's much more to do, but at least at this time, (it's something)."

More than two million people are estimated to have fled Ukraine since Russia began its invasion on Feb. 24.

Located less than 100 kilometres from Poland's border with Ukraine, Lublin has a population of about 330,000, making it Poland's ninth-largest city.

Lublin is one of Windsor's 12 twin cities.
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Jerry Burycki, president of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professionals Association, said it's all hands on deck in Lublin, Poland, as Windsor's sister city welcomes a steady stream of refugees from Ukraine. DAN JAHISSE

Despite pandemic challenges bridge still set to be ready by end of 2024

BRIDGE FROM AJ

"It is an exciting time as the towers — arguably the most visible aspect of construction to date — move into the next and final build phase," said Bryce Phillips, the bridge authority's chief executive. "With the towers currently standing over two-thirds of their final 230 metres in height, they represent the significant progress the project team has been able to achieve."

The WDBA on Wednesday also provided an online community update on the status of the project which as of this point — despite pandemic challenges — still re-

mains scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024.

"We have been lucky to be able to continue construction since the pandemic started and throughout that time period," Grondin said. "The overall impact on the contractual completion date of 2024 continues to be looked at, but we are not aware yet of any broader impacts (caused by COVID-19 delays)."

With the tower work scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, work on the bridge deck will then begin in 2023, she said.

On the bridge's Canadian plaza, construction has already started and is in various stages on about a

half-dozen buildings on site that will provide maintenance, customs and other support services.

Meanwhile on the U.S. side, the bridge towers have reached the identical height as those in Windsor, all plaza drainage and utility work is completed and construction has also begun on several plaza buildings.

But much of the main focus of construction on the Detroit side has been on creating a new interchange and feeder road that will connect the Howe bridge to the I-75 freeway.

The Michigan interchange, reconstruction of road bridges and work on the service drive is ongoing," Grondin said.

Town hall session scheduled on war in Ukraine

DAVE BATTAGELLO

A local information town hall meeting has been scheduled for Sunday for those interested to learn more about the war in Ukraine.

The event will take place at the Ukrainian National Federation Hall, located at 1033 Ottawa St. and is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. There will be presentations, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Among those presenting will be local MP Irek Kusmierczyk, Andrew Stebelak, a history teacher focused on Ukraine, Nataliya Kachor, who has immediate family in Ukraine and Carol Gilmour, president of the local Ukrainian National Federation.

Masks and COVID-19 protocols will be in place with space limited to 70 people. For more information, call 519-254-5559 and leave a message.

Also of importance to residents in Windsor's west end is the planned reconstruction and enhancement of Sandwich Street — a \$12-million project to be primarily paid for by the Howe bridge's contractor Bridging North America as part of its community benefit commitment for serving as host community for the new bridge.

A survey in which residents were asked to provide feedback for proposed enhancements to Sandwich Street ended last Friday, Grondin said. Those responses will help formulate a design plan for Sandwich Street in tandem with city officials.

A proposed final street design will be presented to the public later this year for final feedback with construction to begin next year.

For the latest on Howe bridge construction, visit gordhoweinternationalbridge.com.

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DAN JANISSE

FIXING HOUSING CRISIS

Jordan Ellis, a framer with JS Ellis Construction, works on a house in the 1300 block of Clearwater Avenue in Windsor on Thursday. A research group is hosting a two-day housing summit next week to seek suggestions on what can be done about the housing crisis in the region. **A3**

Forest Glade residents voice worry on upkeep

Those near park to air concerns as city stops some maintenance tasks

KATHLEEN SAYLORS

Residents living near a small Forest Glade park are worried about city plans to stop maintaining a set of laneways entering the park in the winter months – and are hoping officials will hear their concerns at a community meeting this weekend. Seneca Park, a small park in the Forest Glade neighbourhood, is accessible to residents on the south side of the park through two laneways that connect the neighbouring streets to the park's main trail. But residents said they're concerned the laneways aren't being plowed or salted during the winter – something they first noticed this year after a large snowstorm in February.

"I'm walking the dog, and it's in really bad shape," said Shirley Pinard, a resident who lives in the area. "Now it's at the point where it's icy because we had a lot of rain, and there was no way I could walk it without falling."

After emailing her councillor and calling 311, Pinard said she learned the city had opted not to maintain that, and other park walkways this year – instead posting a sign that said the pathway was closed and unmaintained during the winter months.

Because the pathways have a bollard – a cement pole meant to curb issues with vehicle traffic on the walkway – clearing the snows is "challenging," a staff report noted. **SEE PARK ON A4**

Plea for help from our twin city in Poland

TAYLOR CAMPBELL

In the last two weeks, Krzysztof Stanowski has watched 30,000 refugees from Ukraine flood his city of Lublin, Poland.

He's also watched his community unite to support those fleeing Russian invaders, while offers of help from around the world, including Windsor, one of Lublin's twin cities, pour in.

"I am absolutely happy with any response," Stanowski, Lublin's director of international co-operation, told members of Windsor's International Relations Committee on Thursday.

Although he's witnessed "unbelievable solidarity" from people in Poland who've voluntarily opened their homes, restaurants, and schools to more than a million refugees, "Poland will not be able to survive" without international aid. "Soon we will collapse," Stanowski said.

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The park walkway is 'used by many, many people,' resident says

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"Therefore require hand shovelling and/or walk behind snow blowing equipment," staff wrote in a September report. "There has not been resources or budget dollars dedicated to clearing these walkways."

Council could dedicate the funds to have these walkways cleared at a cost of about \$230,000 a year, or warn residents of the closure by posting the appropriate signs, mitigating risk to the city.

A third option, to close the walkways permanently by selling the property, was also included in the report.

At an October meeting city council opted to move ahead with signage warning residents of the closures, and monitor the situation for two years.

But knowing this is a two-year trial period, Pinard and her neighbours said they're speaking out

now to make sure the city understands the jobs at Aspen Lane and Lonsdale Crescent are well-used by the community.

"We want to make sure that we have maintenance. But if nothing else, we want to make sure it doesn't get closed," Pinard said. The next nearest access point is almost a kilometre away, she noted.

"They use it for walks, they use it to get to the bus, they use it to get to the library, the arena, the tennis courts," Pinard said. "It's not just a park walkway. It's something that's used by many, many people."

Jeeven Gill, the councillor for Ward 7, said he has heard concerns from residents in the area.

"I see that a lot of people are using that," Gill said. "In the February snowstorm, they cleaned up the park section of the trails, but there is a little bit stretch from the park where it finished to the catwalk, that area is the concern." "Hopefully we can satisfy the



Shirley Pinard, a Forest Glade resident, claims that a pathway near the Seneca Park has not been properly maintained through the winter. The city has said it doesn't have the budget resources to clear it. DAN JAWIERS

requirement for what people are enjoying and they can still continue to enjoy that into the winter months."

Vern Harvey, another local resident involved in the preservation of the park years ago, said the pathway is "a major artery" in the area. "For all the people that use that on a daily basis, it would just be such an inconvenience," Harvey said. "It's entire families using it daily, back and forth."

Gill said residents are invited to an outdoor meeting this Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. in Seneca Park to hear from city staff and hopefully find a workable solution.

"I am listening to the concerns of the people and trying to see what solutions we can provide to the residents, for their safety and for their enjoyment," Gill said.

Despite the signs, the walkway isn't completely blocked off, Pinard said — meaning many peo-

ple continue to use the path, despite the icy ground.

"It's not like we get that much snow in the winter and it's not like they have to go out of their way, because they're cleaning the park anyways," she said.

"I'm hoping we get a big turnout on Saturday," Pinard said. "We just want to make sure it gets maintained right."

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Ukraine citizens will need ongoing help, countryman says

POLAND FROM A1

He encouraged people in Windsor-Essex to show solidarity with Ukraine. He also asked that Canadians urge the federal government to provide more assistance to Ukraine and the organizations in surrounding countries helping displaced people.

"Do something. Don't stay watching as Russian soldiers are killing civilians."

Ward 1 Coun. Fred Francis, chair of Windsor's International Relations Committee, said the group will spread the word about Europe's need for aid and bring Stanowski's message to city council.

"We want to help as a twin city, as a freedom-loving people, as NATO allies, and as people that just see a wrong being done," Francis said. While direct financial support is a possibility, he said, the committee's budget is "not very significant." Windsor's Polish community has donated more than \$40,000 to humanitarian efforts in and around Ukraine so far.

Despite the sudden influx of people, Lublin at a glance remains unchanged, Stanowski said. A closer look reveals new signs in windows written in Polish and Ukrainian inviting refugees inside for food and shelter. Whispers in Ukrainian can be heard on public transit, which is currently free for the eastern newcomers. Gymsnasiums are full of toys for displaced children to play with.

Many of the refugees are children.

Ukrainian men ages 18 to 60 are prohibited from leaving their country in anticipation that they may be called to fight. But women are staying back to defend Ukraine, too, Stanowski said. He's seen lone women arriving at Lublin now responsible for their own kids and the children of brothers, sisters, and neighbours who refused to flee but wanted their kids brought to safety.

At the moment, most appear to be using Lublin as a waypoint. They stay for a day or two in emergency shelters while connecting with family and friends in other parts of Poland, or in neighbouring countries. Then, they continue the journey and move in with loved ones.

However, a significant number want to stay in Lublin, a city about 100 kilometres from the Ukrainian border which normally has a pop-

ulation of 830,000.

"(The refugees) believe that Ukraine will survive and exist," Stanowski said. Until then, Lublin will help them integrate into Polish society. Young children from Ukraine are now allowed to attend Lublin's kindergarten classes.

Stanowski's own grandchildren recently came home from kindergarten speaking a few words in Ukrainian, he said. "Many things are not solved, but

(the refugees) are part of our community.

"They don't want to be recipients of humanitarian assistance. They intend to work. They intend to go to school."

Looking forward, treating the

large number of injured people expected to arrive from Ukraine will be a challenge, Stanowski said, and the country will need international help with that. Finding homes for orphaned children and helping refugees immigrate to other countries, including Canada, are also tasks on Stanowski's mind. tcampbell@postmedia.com
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DATE: April 4th to 6th, 2022

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- Renovation Wave – Energy Efficiency in Buildings
- Nature Based Solutions – greening, water management
- Sustainable Agriculture – food systems – urban gardens
- Sustainable Transportation & Automobility

Time (EST)	Programme
Day 1: April 4th Meeting place: TBD	
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome coffee and opening speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Drew Dilkens – Mayor City of Windsor • Mr. Jason Reynar – Chief Administrator Officer
10:30 – 11:15	Technical Session: Overview of the City of Windsor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Climate Change planning and policy • Challenges and Opportunities <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Presentation: Karina Richters, Supervisor, Env. Sustainability and Climate Change, City of Windsor</p>
11:15 – 12:15	Designing Windsor’s Residential Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Presentation: Michelle Moxley-Peltier, Community Energy Plan Administrator, City of Windsor</p>
12.15 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Deep Energy Retrofits of existing units • Meadowbrook Property <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Presentation: Hans Kogel, Chief Development and Regeneration Officer, Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation (CHC)</p>
14.00 – 16:30	Site Visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 255 Riverside – Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit • Meadowbrook Community Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ontario’s largest “passive house” Community Housing (affordable housing) complex <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Host: Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation</p>

16:30 – 17:00	Using Parks for Stormwater Management (Tranby Park visit)
Day 2: April 5 Meeting place: TBD	
8:30 – 9:30	Breakfast & Overview of Windsor’s greening initiatives Location: TBD
9:30 – 14:30	Nature Based Solutions and City of Windsor Greening (Site Visits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herb Gray Parkway (Ecopassages, biodiversity protection and enhancement, stormwater management) • Ojibway Nature Complex • Windsor’s New Greenhouses and Horticulture Programming • Thermal Comfort in City Parks • Community Gardens
13:30 – 14:30	Moving Lunch break
14:30 – 16:30	Visit to Peche Island Natural Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancements to shorewall protection to support fish habitats
19.00 – 20.00	Networking Mingle Location: St. Clair College Centre for the Arts 201 Riverside Dr. Port of Windsor Room
Day 3: April 6th Meeting Place: TBD	
9.00 – 10:30	Breakfast and Presentation from Mannheim
10:30 – 10:45	Break and Networking
10:45 – 11:15	Vision Zero/E-bike & E-scooter pilot Presentation: Jeff Hagan Transportation Planning Senior Engineer
11:15 – 11:30	Travel to Canadian Automobility Hub Location: 3475 Wheelton Drive
11:30 – 12:45	Welcome Lunch and Presentation Overview of Invest WindsorEssex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Depts. • Overview of region & Key industry sectors • Strategic focus for FDI • Strategic focus on Automobility Key community partners Host: Invest WindsorEssex, the lead economic development organization for the Windsor-Essex region, launched Canada’s first Automobility in Nov, 2021.

12:45 – 13:25	Demo of VR cave <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background and overview of VR Cave• Project Arrow
13:25 – 13:55	Canadian Automobility Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Canadian Automobility Hub• Ramp up Factory Concept
13:55 – 14:25	Demo of VR cave <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windsor Detroit Tunnel
14:30 – 16:00	Closing Session Reflections from the study tour, and next steps

Study Tour to Windsor - Mannheim Delegation

April 4th to 6th, 2022

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China locks down city of 9 million amid new spike in cases

China has ordered a lockdown of the 9 million residents of the northeastern city of Changchun amid a new spike in COVID-19 cases attributed to the highly contagious omicron

By **The Associated Press**

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BEIJING -- China on Friday ordered a lockdown of the 9 million residents of the northeastern city of Changchun amid a new spike in COVID-19 cases in the area attributed to the highly contagious omicron variant.

Residents are required to remain at home, with one family member permitted to venture out to buy food and other necessities every two days. All residents must undergo three rounds of mass testing, while non-essential businesses have been closed and transport links suspended.

The latest lockdowns, which also include Yucheng with 500,000 people in the eastern province of Shandong, show [China](#) is sticking to the draconian approach to the pandemic it has enforced for most of the past two years, despite some earlier indications that authorities would be implementing more targeted measures.

China reported another 397 cases of local transmission nationwide on Friday, 98 of them in Jilin province that surrounds Changchun, a center of the country's auto industry. In the entire province, cases have exceeded 1,100 since the latest outbreak first struck late last week.

Just two cases were reported within Changchun itself on Friday, bringing its total to 78 in recent days. Authorities have repeatedly pledged to lock down

any community where one or more cases are found under China's "zero tolerance" approach to the pandemic.

Another 93 cases were confirmed in the nearby city of Jilin that bears the same name as the surrounding province. Authorities have already ordered a partial lockdown in the city and severed travel links with other cities.

Officials of the Jilin Agricultural Science and Technology University have been sacked after a cluster of infections was reported on campus and students complained on social media that those who tested positive were being confined in school libraries and other buildings in poor conditions.

The school has registered 74 confirmed cases and transferred more than 6,000 people to quarantine, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

Aerial images showed students in hazmat suits lining up in the cold and dark waiting to be transferred.