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Windsor, Ontario February 1, 2017

A meeting of the **International Relations Committee** is held this day commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in the Walkerville Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair  
Councillor Paul Borrelli  
Councillor John Elliott  
Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk  
Jerry Barycki  
Maria Belenkova (arrives at 3:40 p.m.)  
Dr. Sushil Jain  
Donika McFarlane (arrives at 3:45 p.m.)  
Blake Roberts  
L.T. Zhao

**Regrets received from:**

Bryan Bailey  
Natasha Feghali

**Guests in attendance:**

Alberto Bernal Acero, Consul de México  
Teodoro Alonso Fernandez, Deputy Consul, Consulado de México  
Jorge Paz Rangel, Cultural and Community Affairs, Consulado de México

**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 3:05 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

**2. MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Kusmierczyk, seconded by Dr. S. Jain,  
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held  
July 13, 2016 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

**4. PRESENTATION**

Alberto Bernal Acero, Consul de México, Teodoro Alonso Fernandez, Deputy  
Counsel, Consulado de México and Jorge Paz Rangel, Cultural and Community Affairs,  
Consulado de México provides a presentation regarding the Competitive Advantages of  
Celaya, México, **attached** as Appendix "A". Highlights of the presentation are as  
follows:

- The proposal is to explore a twin city relationship between Celaya, México and the City of Windsor.
- Celaya offers a strategic location in the geographical centre of Mexico. In the denominated Gold triangle it is integrated by the cities of México, Monterrey and Guadalajara. The population in Celaya is approximately 1,000,000 people.
- Celaya has a strong industrial development including a car industry cluster, i.e. Mazda has invested \$2 billion dollars in this region, and Ford, Chrysler, Toyota and Honda are also located in this area.
- Representatives from the Celaya Institute of Technology will be visiting the City of Windsor to discuss possible student exchange programs with the University of Windsor and St. Clair College.

The Chair indicates at this time, twinning with the City of Windsor may be premature; however, he notes exchanges with Celaya can be accomplished without the actual twinning process.

J. Barycki states the City of Windsor and Saltillo, México are sister cities, although there is little activity with Saltillo.

The Chair thanks Mr. Acero, Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Rangel for their presentation.

## 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

### 5.1 Draft Budget for Twin Cities – City of Windsor’s 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

S. Gebauer distributes the “International Relations Committee Preliminary Budget – Fujisawa 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – June 24-27, 2017” and the “International Relations Committee Preliminary Budget – 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations with Twin Cities – June 29-July 2, 2017”, attached respectively as Appendix “B” and Appendix “C”.

S. Gebauer provides the following comments relating to the Fujisawa 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:

- Fujisawa has requested (at their cost), that the City of Windsor provides three cherry blossom trees to be planted in the spring to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- Fujisawa is inquiring if a citizen delegation of 20 -30 individuals could join in with the Official Delegation to tour around City Hall and to attend the unveiling ceremony of the cherry blossoms.
- Suggestion to invite the Official Delegation for a round of golf at Roseland Golf Club.

In terms of the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations with the Twin Cities, S. Gebauer provides the following:

- An official dinner will be held at the Canadian Club with the delegates.
- Suggestion to host a Dinner Cruise (Windsor River Cruises)
- Options for the Canada Day Celebration could include the delegates taking part in the Swearing In Ceremony for New Canadian Citizens which will take place on the waterfront on July 1, 2017 along with Mayor Dilkens, and then participate in the Canada Day Parade.
- Excursions could also include a trip to Coventry Gardens, the Sculpture Gardens, the Art Gallery/Chimczuk Museum, Adventure Bay and a Point Pelee guided tour.

Moved by Dr. Jain, seconded by Councillor Kusmierczyk,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$6,000 for costs associated with hosting up to 5 delegates from Fujisawa, Japan to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Twinning with the City of Windsor from June 24 – 27, 2017.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$20,000 for costs associated with hosting up to 22 delegates from the Twin Cities (2 delegates

from each Twin City) to participate in the City of Windsor's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration to be held from June 29 – July 2, 2017.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by B. Roberts,

That the sample letter of invitation to Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki, City of Fujisawa, Japan to visit the City of Windsor to celebrate and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship and the sample letter of invitation to Mayor Liu Changlong, City of Changchun, China to visit the City of Windsor to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship **BE APPROVED**.

Carried.

The Chair advises once the number of Twin City delegates attending the City of Windsor's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration are confirmed, all details will be provided to the IRC.

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**6.1** The Chair indicates the 2016 Holiday Greetings e-mail was sent to all of the Twin Cities.

Moved by Councillor Kusmierczyk, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

That the sample Holiday Greetings e-mail that was sent to the Twin Cities in 2016 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

### **6.2 Gunsan, Korea – Art Exchange Project**

S. Gebauer states Yeonha An, Gunsan, Korea is suggesting 30 pieces of art be sent to Windsor for display while their delegation visits the City of Windsor during the Canada Day celebration 2017.

Moved by Councillor Kusmierczyk, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

That the verbal update provided by S. Gebauer regarding the Gunsan Art Exchange Project **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

### **6.3 Mannheim, Germany**

The article published in the Mannheim Newspaper referring to the City of Windsor entitled "6686 Kilometer entfernt, aber viel gemeinsam" which translated means "6686 kilometers away but much in common) is received.

#### **6.4 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lublin**

Moved by Dr. S. Jain, seconded by B. Roberts,

That the letter from Krzysztof Zuk, Prezydent Miasta Lublin regarding an invitation to Mayor Dilkens to attend the opening ceremony of the Grand Jubilee of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Lublin to be held August 15 2017 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

#### **6.5 Mr. Wang Junzheng, General Secretary of Changchun Municipal CPC Committee to visit Windsor**

S. Gebauer states an e-mail was received on January 5, 2017 from Mr. Wang Junzheng, General Secretary of Changchun Municipal CPC Committee. Mr. Junzheng is planning to visit the City of Windsor to provide a presentation on Changchun's automobile industry and is seeking cooperation with Windsor's automobile companies in terms of research, development, trade and investment. At this point, the date of the visit is not confirmed.

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by L. T. Zhao,

That the verbal update by S. Gebauer regarding the visit to Windsor by Mr. Wang Junzheng, General Secretary of Changchun Municipal CPC Committee **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

#### **6.6. Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor Document**

Moved by Councillor Kusmierczyk, seconded by D. McFarlane,

That the "Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor" document that identifies the Twin Cities in terms of City and Country, Year of Twinning and the 2017/2018 Anniversary Date" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

#### **6.7 Visit of Fujisawa Delegation to Windsor – June 24-27, 2017**

S. Gebauer indicates 5 delegates will visit Windsor from June 24-27, 2017 and an additional 25 would like to join in on some of the planned activities. The Chair notes there may be a need to rent a bus.

## 7. CONFIRM AND RATIFY E-MAIL POLLS

7.1 Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Elliott:

That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

That approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$300 for the purchase of four tickets (1 ticket is reserved for Mayor Dilkens) for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner to be held on Friday, November 4, 2016 at the Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois.

Carried.

7.2 Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by L. T. Zhao,

That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

That approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$280 for the purchase of four tickets (\$70 each) for Mayor Dilkens and three members of the International Relations Committee to attend the 2017 Windsor Chinese New Year Gala to be held on January 28, 2017 at The Centre for the Arts, St. Clair College, 201 Riverside Drive West.

Carried.

7.3 Moved by Dr. S. Jain, seconded by J. Barycki,

That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

That the carry forward of the one-time surplus of the 2016 International Relations Committee Operating Budget in the amount of \$68,336 to 2017 be approved, and further, that the annual budget of \$15,000 be maintained in 2017.

Carried.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

A letter dated January 2017 from the South Asian Centre regarding the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Anniversary Dinner is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "D".

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Kusmierczyk,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$300 (\$75. each) for the purchase of four tickets for Mayor Dilkens and three members of the IRC to attend the 31<sup>st</sup> South Asian Indian Gala Dinner to be held on May 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Caboto Club.

Carried.

J. Barycki requests a letter be sent to the Parks Department regarding the "Billy Goat – Spring Fountain Sculpture" that was gifted to the City of Windsor by the twin city Lublin, Poland and he notes the fountain is not operational at this time.

**Clerk's Note:** A letter to the Parks Department from the Chair, IRC requesting comments regarding how to make the fountain operational during the time the Twin Cities are visiting the City of Windsor, is **attached** as Appendix "E".

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Walkerville Meeting Room.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:27 o'clock p.m.

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR