

## **International Relations Committee**

Meeting held February 26, 2020

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 204, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair  
Councillor Fabio Costante  
Councillor Gary Kaschak  
Councillor Ed Sleiman  
Jerry Barycki  
Ronnie Haidar  
William Ma  
Steven Spagnuolo  
L.T. Zhao

### ***Regrets received from:***

Daniel Ableser  
Maria Belenkova  
Scott Despina

### ***Also present are the following resource personnel:***

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant  
Cathy Masterson, Manager of Cultural Affairs  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

## **1. Call to Order**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:30 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

### **Addition to the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Costante,  
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 be waived to add the following additions to the Agenda:

- 5.6 Fujisawa Mayor Election held on February 16, 2020  
Carried.

2. **Declaration of Conflict**

None disclosed.

3. **Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Costante,  
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held  
November 27, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

4. **Business Items**

4.2 **Draft Letter to the Twin Cities on behalf of the Windsor-Essex Regional  
Chamber of Commerce**

The draft letter to be sent to the Twin Cities on behalf of the Windsor-Essex  
Regional Chamber of Commerce is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "A".

Moved by Councillor Costante, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,  
That the draft letter to be sent to the Twin Cities on behalf of the Windsor-Essex  
Regional Chamber of Commerce **BE APPROVED**.  
Carried.

4.3 **2020 Children's Art Exchange**

S. Gebauer advises an e-mail from Gunsan, South Korea was received with an  
inquiry asking whether the Children's Art Exchange will once again be held in 2020. It is  
generally agreed the Children's Art Exchange will be held in the Summer 2020.

Moved by L. T. Zhao, seconded by R. Haidar,  
That the Children's Art Exchange **BE HELD** in the Summer 2020.  
Carried.

4.1 **Discussion regarding Options for a Sister City Initiative**

City Council at its meeting held February 24, 2020 adopted CR99/2020, an excerpt  
of which follows:

*“That the International Relations Committee BE REQUESTED to review the \$25,000 commitment for the You + Me sculpture project due to the updated information regarding the \$50,000 financial commitment to this project by the Rotary Club or Windsor-Roseland;*

*That the International Relations Committee RECONSIDER committing \$25,000 in the You + Me sculpture project; and further,*

*That, in the absence of the International Relations Committee reconsidering a \$25,000 financial commitment, the International Relations Committee REPORT BACK to Council with their plan for the \$25,000 that was previously committed to the You & Me sculpture project”.*

The Chair refers the Committee to the photographs of the Sister Cities posts located in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

L. T. Zhao states that as part of a delegation to Gunsan, he viewed the Sister City Charter enclosed in a glass case in their city hall and children’s art on ceramic tiles which was very impressive.

R. Haidar expresses concern there is not an area designated to showcase the City of Windsor’s relationship with the Sister Cities.

C. Masterson indicates the Sister Cities Post monuments could be located at City Hall.

The Chair proposes two possible projects to be funded by the previous conditional commitment of \$25,000 for the sculpture project as follows:

- Sister City Post with directional signs denoting the names of the Sister Cities
- Permanent exhibit at City Hall which would display all of the Sister City Charters as well as some of the artifacts previously donated.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by S. Spagnuolo,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$5,000 for the You + Me Sculpture Project and in lieu of the \$25,000 conditional commitment for the Sculpture Project, that Administration **BE REQUESTED** to report back on the costs associated with the Sister Cities Post and options for a permanent twin city exhibit at City Hall.

Carried.

## 5. Communications

### 5.1 Letter from the Changchun Foreign Affairs Office – Request for Medical Supplies

A quote from Maxim Medical outlining the cost for the purchase of masks, eye protective goggles, coveralls and gloves is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "B".

The Chair encourages the IRC to participate in this initiative and to provide medical supplies to Changchun.

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Costante,  
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$2,000 (including shipping) for costs associated with the purchase of medical supplies to be sent to Changchun, China and further, that Administration **BE REQUESTED** to liaise with the Mayor's Office regarding this initiative.

Carried.

### **5.6 Fujisawa Mayor Election held on February 16, 2020**

A communique from the Policy Planning Department, Fujisawa City Hall and a congratulatory letter to Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki on his re-election from Mayor Dilkens is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "C".

### **5.4 Invitation to attend a Business Meeting with a delegation from Lublin in Toronto on February 26, 2020**

J. Barycki advises he will be attending the Business Meeting in Toronto along with a representative from the Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation on February 27, 2020.

### **5.5 Notes from Meeting on strengthening the cooperation as partners between Windsor and Lublin – December 2019**

J. Barycki states Krzysztof Zuk, Mayor of the City of Lublin, Lech Sprawka, Lubelskie Voivode, and Zbigniew Wojciechowski, Vice Marshal of the Lubelski Voivodeship, emphasized the significance of the good relations of our cities as well as a desire to strengthen the cooperation as partners.

### **5.3 2020 Children's Art Exchange**

S. Gebauer reports a request has been received for a delegation from Gunsan to attend the Bluesfest Event in Windsor in July 2020.

The Chair requests Administration contact Yi Yeongju, International Cooperation Section, Gunsan City to gather further information, i.e. dates, delegation numbers and to report back.

## 6. New Business

J. Barycki refers to the letter to Honourable Krzysztof Zuk, President of the City of Lublin regarding the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Windsor-Lublin partnership in 2020. He adds it will also be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,

That as the year 2020 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Windsor-Lublin partnership and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Windsor-Mannheim partnership, that the Office of the Mayor **BE REQUESTED** to extend an invitation for a delegation from Lublin to visit the City of Windsor in November 2020 and for a delegation for Mannheim, Germany to visit the City of Windsor on a date to be determined.

Carried.

## 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 4:25 o'clock p.m.

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR