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Windsor, Ontario July 13, 2016

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

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor John Elliott
Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk
Bryan Bailey (arrives at 3:07 p.m.)
Maria Belenkova
Natasha Feghali
Dr. Sushil Jain (arrives at 3:07 p.m.)
Donika McFarlane (arrives at 3:07 p.m.)
Blake Roberts
L. T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Jerry Barycki

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Will Foot, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:00 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 Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Kusmierczyk,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held April 7, 2016 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

4. PRESENTATION

Greg Zhang, President of the Border Business Club is present to discuss business and investment opportunities with Twin City Changchun, China as follows:

- Potential demand from Changchun includes new technology on automotive manufacturing, agriculture and food, i.e. International Food Exhibition in August 2016, education.
- Suggestion to develop more culture and business projects with Changchun.
- Development of a “Think Tank” whereby matters relevant to China go through the IRC to the Think Tank China and initial feedback is provided. Essentially, is a channel for Chinese businesses to contact the City of Windsor.
- Possibility for twinning with another city in China. (The Council Assistant to provide the City of Windsor Twinning Policy to Mr. Zhang).

The presentation provided by Mr. Zhang is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “A”.

B. Roberts advises Changchun is working with Chatham-Kent on matters relating to agriculture. He suggests a subcommittee be struck to also include representatives from the University of Windsor, and the Windsor Essex County Development Commission.

The Chair thanks Mr. Zhang for his presentation.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Draft Budget for Twin Cities – City of Windsor’s 125th Birthday Celebration

S. Gebauer distributes the “Preliminary Budget – Windsor 125th Celebration May 18-21, 2017”, **attached** as Appendix “B”.

The Chair suggests the date to invite the Twin Cities to the City of Windsor’s 125th Birthday Celebration be moved to Saturday, July 1, 2017 (Canada Day).

Councillor Kusmierczyk leaves the meeting at 3:50 o’clock p.m.

Moved by Dr. Jain, seconded by B. Bailey,
That the draft budget for the Twin Cities – City of Windsor’s 125th Birthday Celebration provided by the Council Assistant **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5.2 FINA

S. Gebauer states she contacted Pam Mady, Protocol and Communications Director, FINA World Swimming Championships Windsor 2016 and notes there are no updates at this time.

5.3 Visit of the Misono Students from Fujisawa, Japan

S. Gebauer indicates a reception for the Misono Students will be held on July 24, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Moved by B. Bailey, seconded by B. Roberts,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$200 for costs associated with the Misono Girls reception to be held in the Council Chambers, on July 24, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 30th Anniversary – City of Windsor and Fujisawa, Japan

The Chair states a Fujisawa delegation is requesting to visit Windsor on July 1, 2017 (Canada Day) to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of their twinning with Windsor.

6.2 Gunsan, Korea – Art Exchange Project

S. Gebauer reports in consultation with the Manager of Cultural Affairs, that art provided by the children of Gunsan could be exhibited at the Chimczuk Museum or, at the Windsor International Aquatic & Training Centre. The Recreation Department will work with the IRC to acquire a location.

Moved by Dr. Jain, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

That the request from Gunsan, Korea for an Art Exchange Project **BE FORWARDED** to the school boards and art groups to determine interest, and further that a report be brought back with the findings.

Carried.

6.3 Changchun, China Sister City Marathon

Moved by B. Bailey, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

That the request from Changchun dated June 2, 2016 regarding an invitation to attend a Sister-City Marathon and an International Agricultural Expo in 2016 **BE FORWARDED** to local running clubs and to the Windsor Essex County Development Commission.

Carried.

6.4 National Sister Cities Conference – September 14-16, 2016

Clerk's Note: The Council Assistant advises the "Making Connections 2016 National Sister Cities Conference, scheduled for September 14 – 16, 2016 has been rescheduled to the Spring of 2017.

7. CONFIRM AND RATIFY E-MAIL POLL

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by D. McFarlane,

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

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$518.50 to cover the discounted admission cost of tickets (\$8.50 per person) for fifty-six (56) students along with three (3) teachers and two (2) escorts from the Misono School in Fujisawa, Japan to enjoy Adventure Bay at the Windsor International Aquatic Training Centre.

Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:05 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR