

**AGENDA**  
**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

meeting held  
Thursday, June 18, 2020  
11:00 o'clock a.m. via Teleconference

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Declaration of Conflict**

**3. Minutes**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held February 26, 2020 – ***attached.***

**4. Business Items**

**4.1 Medical Supplies for Changchun, China**

The Chair to provide an update.

**4.2 2020 Children's Art Exchange**

Discussion

**4.3 Update regarding Possible Twin City Posts**

**4.4 Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor**

The Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor document – ***attached.***

**5. Communications**

**5.1** Letter to Mayor Dilkens dated March 6, 2020 from the Mayor of Saltillo, Mexico extending an invitation for the Mayor and a delegation of three to visit Saltillo from July 18 to July 21, 2020 – ***attached.***

**5.2** Letter to Mayor Dilkens from the Mayor of Changchun, China dated March 31, 2020 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic – ***attached.***

**5.3** E-mail from Trudy Baek, Manager of International Affairs, Gunsan, South Korea dated May 14, 2020 regarding the Children's Art Exhibit – ***attached***.

**5.4** E-mails from Krzysztof Stanowski, Director International Centre and Daniel Gorgaczuk, City of Lublin, Poland dated May 15, 2020 regarding the LGBT+ community – ***attached***.  
E-mail addressed to Mayor and City Council, dated May 11, 2020, regarding LGBT+ in the City of Lublin – ***attached***.

**5.5** E-mail from Jerry Barycki regarding the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning relationship between Windsor and Lublin, Poland – ***attached***.

**6. New Business**

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

To be determined.

**8. Adjournment**

## **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 Despins

### ***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 Yeongiu, 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.

**CHAIR**

**COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**

## **Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor**

(Chronological Order)

<b><u>City and Country</u></b>	<b><u>Year of Twinning</u></b>	<b><u>2020/2021 Anniversary</u></b>
Granby, Canada	1956 (May)	64/65
Coventry, England	1963	57/58
St. Etienne, France	1963 (June)	57/58
Udine, Italy	1977 (November 14)	43/44
Mannheim, Germany	1980 (April 14)	40/41
Ohrid, Macedonia	1981 (June 29)	39/40
Las Vueltas, El Salvador	1987 (April 13)	33/34
Fujisawa, Japan	1987 (December 2)	33/34
Changchun, China	1992 (June 16)	28/29
Saltillo, Mexico	1994 (November 6)	26/27
Lublin, Poland	2000 (June 26)	20/21
Gunsan, South Korea	2005 (June 20)	15/16



## Item No. 5.1

### "2020, Año del Centenario Luctuoso de Venustiano Carranza, el Varón de Cuatro Ciénegas"

Salttillo, Coah., March 06<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Mayor Drew Dilkens,  
City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada**

Dear Mayor Dilkens,

It was a pleasure traveling last year to Windsor to commemorate the 25th anniversary of our sister city relationship. Especially, it was great to meet you and have the opportunity to get to know the cultural, economic, touristic and social aspects that our cities share.

On behalf of the people of Saltillo, I am deeply honored and grateful for the generous contribution of a one-year full scholarship to the English language program at St. Claire College. This represents for our students an extraordinary opportunity to learn a foreign language in one of the most prestigious colleges in Ontario and develop their English language skills to stand out in an each day more international economy, particularly in the manufacture and automotive industry. Furthermore, to live in our sister city of Windsor will grant them the opportunity to appreciate the diversity, cultural value and quality of life that your city offers.

This represents a perfect example of the collaboration, friendship and strong relationships we are building through time between Saltillo and Windsor.

Therefore, it is my great pleasure to extend an invitation to you and three of your colleagues to visit and join us in Saltillo from July 18 to July 21 2020 when the scholarship is programmed to be awarded. It is worth mentioning that on those days the "Festival Internacional de Cultura Saltillo 2020" will take place to celebrate the anniversary of the city of Saltillo, an especial occasion for us to have you as our distinguished guest.

I would like to designate Blas Flores, Director of Economic Development and Tourism to be the main point of contact to work with your office for the follow up of your visit.

I look forward to welcome you to Saltillo in July!

## Item No. 5.2

31 March, 2020, Changchun

### Consolation Letter

Windsor, Canada

Mayor Drew Dilkens :

Under the direction of President Xi Jinping, China has achieved progress in the prevention and control of COVID-19. We are deeply touched by your care, encouragement, and support during the fight against the epidemic and pay a tribute to you.

I am deeply concerned about the recent increase in the number of cases in your country. I would like to express my sincere condolences in my own name and on behalf of the eight million citizens of Changchun to you and the citizens of your city.

Those people who share the same goal will win, and those people who

share the same boat will succeed. I believe that under the leadership of you, your city will certainly win the battle against the epidemic.

Changchun is willing to share and exchange the experience in fighting against the epidemic with your city and provide necessary supplies for the epidemic's prevention and control.

Let us join hands to build the friendship between the two cities and strive for the protection of human health!

Mayor of Changchun

## Item No. 5.3

**From:** [trudy@korea.kr](mailto:trudy@korea.kr) <[trudy@korea.kr](mailto:trudy@korea.kr)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** Gebauer, Sandra <[sgebauer@citywindsor.ca](mailto:sgebauer@citywindsor.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: RE:

Dear Sandra,

We are sorry for the inconvenient situation because of the COVID19 pandemic. I wonder if we can receive just the artworks for the exhibition we are planning to hold it end of this year.

It seems that it may not be possible now, but please consider to do as things get better.

Citizens of Gunsan are always thankful for the warm kindness of the City of Windsor and the Province of Ontario.

Hope you stay healthy and safe.

"The more we get together, the happier we'll be."

Sincerely,

----- 원본 메일 -----

보낸사람 : "Gebauer, Sandra" <[sgebauer@citywindsor.ca](mailto:sgebauer@citywindsor.ca)>

받는사람 : "[trudy@korea.kr](mailto:trudy@korea.kr)" <[trudy@korea.kr](mailto:trudy@korea.kr)>

받은날짜 : 2020년 May 15일(Fri) 22:09:20

제목 : RE: New personnel appointment of Gunsan City

Dear Trudy Baek,

Thank you for your email. I look forward to working with you as the new Manager of the International Affairs of ICS of Gunsan City.

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid19 Pandemic many events have been cancelled for this year here in Windsor. The City of Windsor and the Province of Ontario are currently under a State of Emergency, City Hall is closed to the public and many of our services are reduced, while many employees are working from home.

We were very much looking forward to hosting the annual Children's Art Exhibit again this year but at this time we don't know if it will be possible. I will most certainly keep you informed once I have any information to share and I invite you to share any updates that you may have from Gunsan.

We look forward to continued collaboration between our two cities.

Kind Regards,

**Sandra Gebauer**  
**Council Assistant**

**From:** [trudy@korea.kr](mailto:trudy@korea.kr) <[trudy@korea.kr](mailto:trudy@korea.kr)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:43 AM  
**To:** Gebauer, Sandra [sgebauer@citywindsor.ca](mailto:sgebauer@citywindsor.ca)  
**Subject:** New personnel appointment of Gunsan City

Dear Ms Sandra Gebauer, the city of Windsor, Canada

Greetings from Gunsan.

My name is Trudy Baek, assigned as a new manager of the international affairs of ICS of Gunsan city.

Thank you for your warm cooperation regarding our city government.

Based on business letters with Yeonju Yi and you, I wonder if there's any updated news regarding events of this year, including Children's Art Exchange.

Please add me to your contact lists instead of Yi. I am so glad to help you and share our news. Hope you in safe and healthy.

Best Regards,  
Trudy Baek

## Item No. 5.4

**From:** Krzysztof Stanowski <[krzysztof.stanowski@lublin.eu](mailto:krzysztof.stanowski@lublin.eu)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 3:54 AM

**To:** Gebauer, Sandra <[sgebauer@citywindsor.ca](mailto:sgebauer@citywindsor.ca)>

**Cc:** Francis, Fred <[ffrancis@citywindsor.ca](mailto:ffrancis@citywindsor.ca)>; Barycki, Jerry <[jerrybarycki@gmail.com](mailto:jerrybarycki@gmail.com)>; Joanna Żytkowska <[joanna.zytkowska@lublin.eu](mailto:joanna.zytkowska@lublin.eu)>; Katarzyna Duma <[katarzyna.duma@lublin.eu](mailto:katarzyna.duma@lublin.eu)>

**Subject:** Re: Information Request

Dear Ms Gebauer,

With reference to your letter and various information that appears in the public domain that local governments in Poland have been adopting resolutions that violate the Constitution and international law through discriminating against the LGBT+ community, please be informed that the **City of Lublin has not adopted such a resolution.**

A draft of such resolution (under the name "Local Government Charter of Family Rights") was proposed by councillors of the opposition Law and Justice Club to the agenda of the 10th Session of the City Council on 17 October 2019. **The motion was not adopted by the City Council.** This is shown on the map at <http://atlasnienawisci.pl> where the Municipality of Lublin City is marked in green, alike other cities that have rejected resolutions discriminating against the LGBT+ community. Among the Municipalities that, similarly to Lublin, have rejected discriminatory resolutions are: Białystok, Rzeszów, Tarnów, Myślenice and Ława.

The action of adopting discriminatory resolutions against the LGBT+ community is coordinated by the ruling party Poland-wide (Law and Justice). Such a resolution was also adopted by the local government of the Lubelskie Voivodeship (province). The province self-government and the city (commune) local-government are separate and independent self-government bodies, whose representatives are elected in separate elections. The Lublin City Councillors and the Mayor of Lublin do not have any influence/power over resolutions adopted by the Province Self-Government (Voivodeship). The resolutions of the voivodship local government shall also in no way bind the city (commune) local government.

**In conclusion, Lublin is not among the cities that have adopted those outrageous resolutions that discriminate against the LGBT+ community or any other group of residents. Mayor of Lublin has repeatedly condemned any discriminatory behaviour towards any social groups and this is reflected in his statements posted, among others, in social media.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards

Krzysztof Stanowski

Director of International Cooperation Centre, City of Lublin

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**Wysłane:** czwartek, 14 maja, 2020 22:54:09  
**Temat:** Information Request

Hello Director Stanowski,

I am writing to you from the City of Windsor. I was provided your email address by Mr. Jerry Barycki, who is a long-time member of the City's International Relations Committee. I hope this email finds you well and I hope that the City of Lublin is doing well during the current Covid19 Pandemic.

Recently, our Mayor and City Councillors have received some correspondence from a resident, originally from Poland, claiming that Lublin, Poland passed a municipal ordinance declaring the city an "LGBT ideology-free zone". It is our hope that you may be able to clarify and perhaps provide some information regarding this so that the International Relations Committee could address this claim at their next meeting.

I have reached out to Daniel Gorbaczuk, who was our sister city contact today, however, I am not certain if Daniel is still in the same position and it was suggested that I reach out to you directly. Any information that you could provide would be very helpful and very much appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

***Sandra Gebauer***

***Council Assistant***



**From:** Daniel Gorbaczuk <[dgorbaczuk@lublin.eu](mailto:dgorbaczuk@lublin.eu)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 5:16 AM  
**To:** Gebauer, Sandra <[sgebauer@citywindsor.ca](mailto:sgebauer@citywindsor.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Looking for information regarding Lublin

Hello, it used to be a topical issue around 3 months ago.

We, as Lublin, unanimously rejected this ordinance, following a discussion in the City Council, and it was **NEVER** passed to become a city resolution.

There is also is an official statement by the Mayor of Lublin, categorically refuting, denouncing and rejecting any allegations that Lublin ever is to become an LGBT free zone .

City Council also have unanimously passed official statement/communique that Lublin will not agree to such discriminatory claims and every citizen, be it a migrant, member of LGBT community, regardless of their race, background, sexual orientation etc. is welcome in Lublin.

On no account it is to be understood that Lublin is, or will ever become, an "LGBT ideology-free zone. Mayor of Lublin, backed by the City Council, will never allow it to happen.

Further, Lublin's Mayor, will also not agree to fundamental rights or civil liberties be limited or undermined in any way of all and any Lublin resident.

Mr Krzysztof Stanowski -- Director of Foreign Relations Department, was dealing with that issue so, if you wish to obtain further explanation, you might liaise with him. He is also the person who distributed Mayor's official statement to other twin cities, who shared concerns of similar kind. Should you wish, you may contact him directly at "Krzysztof Stanowski" <[krzysztof.stanowski@lublin.eu](mailto:krzysztof.stanowski@lublin.eu)>;

Kind regards,  
Daniel Gorbaczuk

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**Wysłane:** czwartek, 14 maja, 2020 20:48:52  
**Temat:** Looking for information regarding Lublin

Hello Daniel,

I hope this email finds you well and that the city of Lublin is doing well during the current Covid19 Pandemic.

I am writing because our Mayor's Office and City Councillors have received an email from a resident, originally from Poland, claiming that Lublin, Poland passed a municipal ordinance declaring the city an "LGBT ideology-free zone". Are you able to provide any information regarding this?

Any information that you can provide would be very helpful as the International Relations Committee would like to address this claim at their next meeting.

Take care and stay safe!

***Sandra Gebauer***  
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**Sent:** May 11, 2020 3:01:04 PM

**To:** mayoro

**Subject:** Twin Town - Sister Cities Fantasy

Dear Hon. Mayor of Windsor, Drew Dilkens,

I sit here in my condo in Toronto writing you this letter, not as a concerned resident of Windsor, but a concerned friend of Windsor. Are you aware that the City of Windsor is considered a Twin Town / Sister City to the city of Lublin, Poland? Are you also aware that Lublin, Poland passed a municipal ordinance declaring the city an "LGBT ideology-free zone"? Are you aware that your sister city, Lublin, is proudly public about its homophobia? Do you really want to align the Windsor brand with the hatred of another?

Let me back track for second and build some context for you. My name is Jerry Jarosinski, I was born in Wroclaw, Poland in 1978 during communist times. In the winter of '81 my family fled communist Poland as refugees and eventually landed in our current home country of Canada. We settled in Mississauga and have been enjoying life ever since. In hindsight, my parents selecting Canada as our home, was the right one for me as I am a gay man. I could only imagine what my life would have been like today in Poland.

Are all places and people in Poland homophobic? No. With Poland's entrance into the EU as a member nation, the tide is slowly changing - but ever so slowly. Part of the challenges faced by the LGBT+ community in Poland is the current ruling federal party (PiS) that has been removing democratic institutions in Poland and turning itself into the [laughing stock of the EU](#).

I am emailing you not to give you a lesson on homophobia. Quite simply, I want to highlight to you and the City of Windsor that the city is in a 'friendly' relationship with a city quite hostile to many LGBT+ individuals (and their supporters) who call Windsor home. I ask that Windsor city council consider ending their Twin Town / Sister City relationship with Lublin, Poland until such time that Lublin become more welcoming to the LGBT+ community.

For your benefit, here is some interesting reading on this topic:

What is an [LGBT ideology-free zone](#) in Poland?

[Polish cities and provinces declare 'LGBT-free zones' as government ramps up 'hate speech'](#)

[More Than 80 Polish Towns Have Declared Themselves 'LGBTQ-Free Zones'](#)

In Lublin, [Polish Police Protect Pride March Amid Anti-LGBT Crackdown](#)

You don't need to go very far to find blatant evidence of homophobia in Lublin, simply Google it. I ask that you and the rest of the elected council of the City of Windsor do your jobs and protect your city's brand from the hateful Polish city of Lublin. I, as a gay Polish-Canadian, hope you take this issue seriously and act swiftly!

Thank you for reading this email. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

## Item No. 5.5

**From:** Jerry Barycki <[jerrybarycki@gmail.com](mailto:jerrybarycki@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 4:10 PM

**To:** Chauvin, Christine <[CChauvin@citywindsor.ca](mailto:CChauvin@citywindsor.ca)>; mayoro <[mayoro@citywindsor.ca](mailto:mayoro@citywindsor.ca)>

**Cc:** Francis, Fred <[fFrancis@citywindsor.ca](mailto:fFrancis@citywindsor.ca)>; Gebauer, Sandra <[sGebauer@citywindsor.ca](mailto:sGebauer@citywindsor.ca)>; Stephen MacKenzie <[SMacKenzie@choosewindsorsex.com](mailto:SMacKenzie@choosewindsorsex.com)>; Irek Kusmierczyk <[Irek.Kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Irek.Kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)>

**Subject:** XX Anniversary Windsor-Lublin on June 26, 2020

Dear Mr. Dilkens,

June 26, 2020 will mark the XX Anniversary Windsor-Lublin successful relations.  
Enclosed is our correspondence related to this occasion.

Sincerely,

**Jerry (Jerzy) Barycki**  
***President, PCBPAW,***



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Dear Mr. Mayor,

This year, on June 26, we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the twinning partnership between Windsor and Lublin, Poland. The two decades of well documented, active cooperation have been very productive.

In May of last year, there was the fruitful business mission from our region, “the Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland”, to Lublin and the Lubelskie Voivodeship. In the summer, we took part in the 450th Anniversary of the Lublin Union; we presented an exhibition about Major Jerzy Radwanek in the H. Łopaciński Voivodeship Public Library in Lublin. In November, Senator Józef Zajac was our guest in Windsor. At the close of the year, on December 19, we met with Mayor Żuk and representatives of the Marshal’s Office of the Lubelskie Voivodeship to discuss plans for future cooperation of both Lublin and the Lubelskie Voivodeship with Canada. We are pleased that at the beginning of this year, from February 26 to March 1, the Business Mission from the Lubelskie Voivodeship was in Toronto, Canada.

This year, on November 20, we planned to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of cooperation between our cities as well as the 25th Anniversary of our Association. Unfortunately, the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 caused us to postpone the celebration until next year.

In closing, we would like to express appreciation and thanks to all those, who supported our joint commercial, educational, and cultural projects that enriched our cities and surrounding areas. For the 20th Anniversary of the cooperation between our partner cities, we have prepared an exhibition, which we include in the form of an electronic document. Our organization has been the promotor of many productive initiatives, linking Windsor and Lublin and we are looking forward to the continuation of our active cooperation in the future.

Sincerely,

Jerry Barycki, President

cc:

Fred Francis, Councillor and Chair, IRC  
Stephen MacKenzie, President and CEO, Windsor-Essex Economic Development Corporation  
Irek Kusmierczyk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh





























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