

International Relations Committee

Meeting held June 25, 2019

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor Fabio Costante
Councillor Gary Kaschak (arrives at 3:35 p.m.)
Daniel Ableser
Maria Belenkova
Scott Despina
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma
L.T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Councillor Ed Sleiman
Jerry Barycki
Steven Spagnuolo

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 3:32 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

Additions to the Agenda

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

- 5.3 Letter from Jerry Baryczk regarding the Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland, May 11-18, 2019.
- 5.4 Letter from Dr. Krzysztof Zuk, Mayor of the City of Lublin regarding the year 2019 marks the 15th anniversary of Poland's accession to the European Union and the 450th anniversary of signing the Union of Lublin.

Carried.

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Costante, seconded by S. Despina,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held April 23, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Request by the Mayor of Saltillo, Mexico to Visit Windsor

The Chair advises 2019 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Twinning with Saltillo, Mexico although the relationship has been dormant in the past. He adds it is important to reaffirm the relationship with the Twin Cities as this is one way to measure the success of the IRC Committee. He adds the Mayor of Saltillo along with three delegates will visit the City of Windsor from July 14, 2019 to July 16, 2019.

S. Gebauer distributes background information relating to Saltillo, Mexico as follows, **attached** as Appendix "A":

- A copy of the Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico and Windsor, Ontario, Canada Sister City agreement that was signed in Saltillo in 1994
- Twin Cities Year of Twinning and Anniversary dates
- Twin City Policy

S. Gebauer notes one of the main reasons for the Saltillo visit is to attend the opening of the Children's Art Exhibition, in which they are participating.

S. Gebauer states that on July 15, 2019, an Agreement will be signed by the Mayor of Saltillo and Mayor Dilkens to reaffirm the 25 Year Sister City relationship.

S. Gebauer advises the Saltillo delegation requested meetings with Tourism Windsor Essex and the Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation.

S. Gebauer indicates an Official Dinner will be held for the Saltillo delegation and invitations will be extended to members of the IRC along with the Mayor and Members of City Council and possibly members of the Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation, Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island, Consul Alberto Banal-Acero of the Mexican Consulate in Leamington, as well as local businesses.

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

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$8,000 for the Mayor Saltillo, Mexico along with three delegates to visit the City of Windsor from July 14 to July 16, 2019 to commemorate the 25th Year of the Twinning with the City of Windsor and to be present for the opening of the Children's Art Exhibition.

Carried.

4.2 Update on the Children's Art Exhibition

S. Gebauer reports the participating Twin Cities in the Children's Art Exhibition includes Changchun, China, Fujisawa, Japan, Gunsan, South Korea, Las Vueltas, El Salvador, Lublin, Poland, Saltillo, Mexico and the City of Windsor. She notes the Children's Art will be exhibited in the lobby of City Hall from July 12, 2019 to July 23, 2019. The Exhibit will remain in the lobby for an extra day to July 23, 2019 to allow an opportunity for the Misono Girls to view the art.

4.3 Update on the Misono Jogakuin High School Girls Visit

S. Gebauer provides the following as it relates to the visit of the Misoso High School Girls:

- This is the 11th visit of the Misono High School Girls to Windsor.
- Misono High School is an all girls private school in Fujisawa, Japan and every year there is a two week exchange program where the girls come to Windsor, stay with host families and basically learn the English language.
- The Misono girls will arrive in Windsor on July 20, 2019.
- A reception will be held on July 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Mayor, and members of the IRC will be present to welcome the students. There will be a cake to commemorate their visit.
- Following the reception, the students will go to Jackson Park to view the trees planted two years ago by the delegation from Fujisawa.

- On July 29, 2019 the students will go to Adventure Bay to be hosted by the IRC.
- On July 31, 2019, the students will enjoy an afternoon of activities at the Capri Pizzeria Recreation Complex.

5. Communications

5.3 The Letter from Jerry Barycki regarding the Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland, May 11-18, 2019 is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “B”.

5.4 The Letter from Dr. Krzysztof Zuk, Mayor of the City of Lublin regarding 2019 marks the 15th anniversary of Poland’s accession to the European Union and the 450th anniversary of signing the Union of Lublin is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “C”.

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

- 5.1** Letter from Tsuneo Suzuki, Mayor of Fujisawa to Mayor Dilkens inviting a delegation from Windsor to attend the “Sailing’s World Cup Series Enoshima” from August 29, 2019 to September 2, 2019.
- 5.2** Flyer – Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland, May 11 to 18, 2019.
- 5.3** Letter from Jerry Barycki regarding the Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland, May 11-18, 2019.
- 5.4** Letter from Dr. Krzysztof Zuk, Mayor of the City of Lublin regarding 2019 marks the 15th anniversary of Poland’s accession to the European Union and the 450th anniversary of signing the Union of Lublin.

Carried.

7. New Business

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:01 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR