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Windsor, Ontario March 18, 2013

A meeting of the **International Relations Committee** is held this day commencing at 2:00 o'clock p.m. in the Town of Walkerville Meeting Room, 3rd floor, City Hall, there being present the following members:

Councillor Drew Dilkens, Chair
Councillor Percy Hatfield
Councillor Ron Jones (arrives at 2:05 p.m.)
Jerry Barycki
Blake Roberts
Dr. Frank Simpson (arrives at 2:35 p.m.)

Regrets received from:

Guy Diponio

Guest in attendance:

Laura Shintani, regarding *Item 7.1*

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Robert Barlozzari, Council Assistant
Sandra Gebauer, (A) Council Assistant
Cathy Masterson, Manager of Cultural Affairs
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:03 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 B. Roberts, seconded by J. Barycki,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee meeting held November 13, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

3. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

- 5.1 Letter from Dr. Peter Kurz dated February 21, 2013 regarding the first International short film festival, “Bermuda Shorts”.
- 5.2 E-mail from Shelley Maxwell, Employment Officer dated March 12, 2013 regarding a placement request from the Twin City – Mannheim, Germany.
Carried.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

5.1 **International Short Film Festival – Bermuda Shorts**

The letter from Dr. Peter Kurz dated February 21, 2013 regarding the first International short film festival , “Bermuda Shorts” is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “A”.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by Councillor Jones,
That the letter from Dr. Peter Kurz dated February 21, 2013 regarding the first International short film festival, “Bermuda Shorts” in the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

5.2 **Placement Request from Mannheim, Germany**

An e-mail from Shelley Maxwell, Employment Officer, City of Windsor dated March 12, 2013 regarding a placement request from the Twin City – Mannheim, Germany is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “B”.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by B. Roberts,
That the e-mail from Shelley Maxwell, Employment Officer, City of Windsor dated March 12, 2013 regarding a placement request from the Twin City – Mannheim, Germany **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 **Twin Cities Monument Project Update: Expression of Interest Results**

Moved by B. Roberts, seconded by J. Barycki,
That the Expression of Interest Form – The Corporation of the City of Windsor
EOI #114-12 Public Art Project submitted by James C. Smith **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

7.1 **“You and Me” – Commissioned Sculpture Proposal**

Laura Shintani, is present to provide information relating to the “*You and Me*” commissioned sculpture proposal to be placed in Jackson Park. She succinctly provides the following description of the sculpture:

- The sculpture celebrates and memorializes the city’s relationships with its twelve sister cities on the occasion of the 2013 International Children’s Games.
- The sculpture will take the shape of a pair of seven foot tall “Windsor Chairs” which speaks to the twinning of the sister cities
- The chairs will rest on a broad near grade footing of granite cobblestones illuminated by appropriate outdoor lighting.
- The cobblestones made their way to Windsor as ballast in ships and became paving stones for the city’s early streets.
- The title *You and Me* also talks about the participation of Windsorites and special guests to the city in the creation of the sculpture.
- At a marquee unveiling of the full-scale models before the sculpture is transported to the foundry for casting in bronze, the artist will invite people “to leave a thoughtful impression” on the sculpture by pressing their fingers on its soft surface. The tactile gestures will appear on the bronze finish and evoke connection and continuity for present and future generations.
- In reference to the International Children’s Games, the scale of the chairs evokes a playful sensibility. In getting close to the sculpture, everybody becomes child-sized and may be moved to consider the effort that a very young child takes to mount a chair, perhaps compete in international games, and reach beyond *You and Me*.
- The path leading to the sculpture will be oval, welcoming and will create a sense of gathering.
- Over 2,000 fingerprints will be pressed into the Windsor Chairs.
- The cost of the sculpture is approximately \$200,000 – to be funded through fundraising efforts.
- The commitment from the International Relations Committee to this overall project is \$15,000.

Moved by B. Roberts, seconded by Councillor Hatfield,
That the “You and Me” sculpture proposal by Laura Shintani **BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** subject to successful fundraising efforts to offset the cost of the sculpture, and further, that the Manager of Cultural Affairs apprise the Community Public Art Advisory Committee of this initiative and request feedback.
Carried.

6.2 International Mayor’s Conference Planning

The Chair advises only three sister cities will be attending the International Children’s Games in 2013 and it is suggested the International Mayor’s Conference be suspended.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by Councillor Jones,
That the International Mayor’s Conference to be held in conjunction with the 2013 International Children’s Games **BE SUSPENDED** due to the lack of attendance by the sister cities.
Carried.

6.3 Polish Week in Windsor – November 9-16, 2013

J. Barycki states the Polish Community of Windsor will be celebrating the 105th anniversary of the first settlement of Polish people in Windsor. The main celebration will take place during the 5th Polish Week in Windsor from November 9-16, 2013.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by B. Roberts,
That the verbal report by Jerry Barycki relating the 5th Polish Week to be held from November 9-16, 2013 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 2:47 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR