

AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the Minutes of the
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
meeting held
November 13, 2012
at 5:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 407
400 City Hall Squar East

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held August 30, 2012 - *attached.*

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 4.1 Letter from Mayor Peter Kurz, Mannheim, Germany dated August 23, 2012 regarding the International German Gymnastics Festival. - *attached.*

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 5.1 Twin Cities Monument Project - C. Masterson

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 6.1 Ratify of e-mail poll dated November 5, 2012 regarding the purchase of four tickets for the 11th Annual Polish-Canadian Business Dinner - Background information - *attached.*
- 6.2 Report: Sister Cities and Cooperative Mayors Conference, Changchun, China - D. Dilkens/8. Roberts
- 6.3 Report: 25th Anniversary Fujisawa, Japan. - D. Dilkens/P. Hatfield- *attached.*
- 6.4 Business Plan and Financial Request for 2013 Budget Deliberations - *attached.*

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

STADTMANNHEIM
DER OBERBURGERMEISTER

Mayor
Eddie Francis
350 City Hall Sq
P.O. Box 1607
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August 23, 2012

Dear Mayor Francis,

Between 18 and 25 May 2013, Mannheim and the entire Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region will be hosting the world's largest competitive and recreational sporting event - the International German Gymnastics Festival. During the eight-day festival week, around 80,000 active participants will be taking part in recreational sporting competitions and the German elite-level championships. The city of Mannheim is inviting representatives from its entire twin and befriended cities to take part in the event and to visit us with an official delegation in the heart of the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region between 17 and 20 May 2013. We would also be grateful if you could distribute the enclosed flyers to interested sports clubs in your city. A very warm welcome by the Gymnastics Festival's organisation committee is also extended to your sports clubs.

The diversity of Mannheim and its surrounding region is also reflected in the city's international connections. Almost all of the 290 municipalities belonging to the region maintain international friendships. The Gymnastics Festival's organisation committee is calling upon all of the region's twin cities to register young sportspeople for participation in the 2013 International German Gymnastics Festival. German and international guests in all age groups will have opportunities to participate and try out various disciplines. A volunteer programme is available to individuals who want to play an active role in organising the event. We are also looking forward to receiving contributions for the sporting stage shows which we will be happy to include in our "Gymnastics Festival Mile".

The Gymnastics Festival will be providing free accommodation in sports centres and schools for all participants. We will, of course, be more than happy to arrange appropriate hotel packages for official guests from our twin and befriended cities. The cities in our metropolitan region will be hosting a cultural programme featuring varied stage shows and a large number of free events for Gymnastics Festival participants, giving everyone involved an opportunity to meet up and share experiences.

Please find additional information in the attached flyer and on the website at www.turnfest.de/portal/das-Lst-turnfest.html (also in English).

We would like to invite you to experience one of the most prominent international events of 2013 in a relaxed, friendly, enthusiastic and international atmosphere and to take inspiring experiences back home with you. Please let us know whether we can expect to welcome an official delegation, athletes or volunteers from your city at the Gymnastics Festival in Mannheim. The Gymnastics Festival's organisation committee and the City of Mannheim are looking forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Kurz' with a horizontal line under the 'z'.

Dr. Peter Kurz

Life in Motion

In 2013 the Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region (MRN) will host one of the largest sport events in the world - the International German Gymnastic Festival.

The festival is a huge sport and gymnastic get-together for everyone. It is a **giant party of different cultures, characterised by intercultural exchange**. The Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region offers an ideal place for this. The region stands out due to its manifold international connections with **approximately 400 town twinning partners** and an openness for other cultures. Based on these strengths, the local authorities of the MAN are starting their first ever common campaign and would like to offer all our partners and friends, the chance to join in and to be part of this collective and global festival. Meet other partners and cities, discuss and laugh together in harmony, reach out to bring Europe and the global world a step closer together.

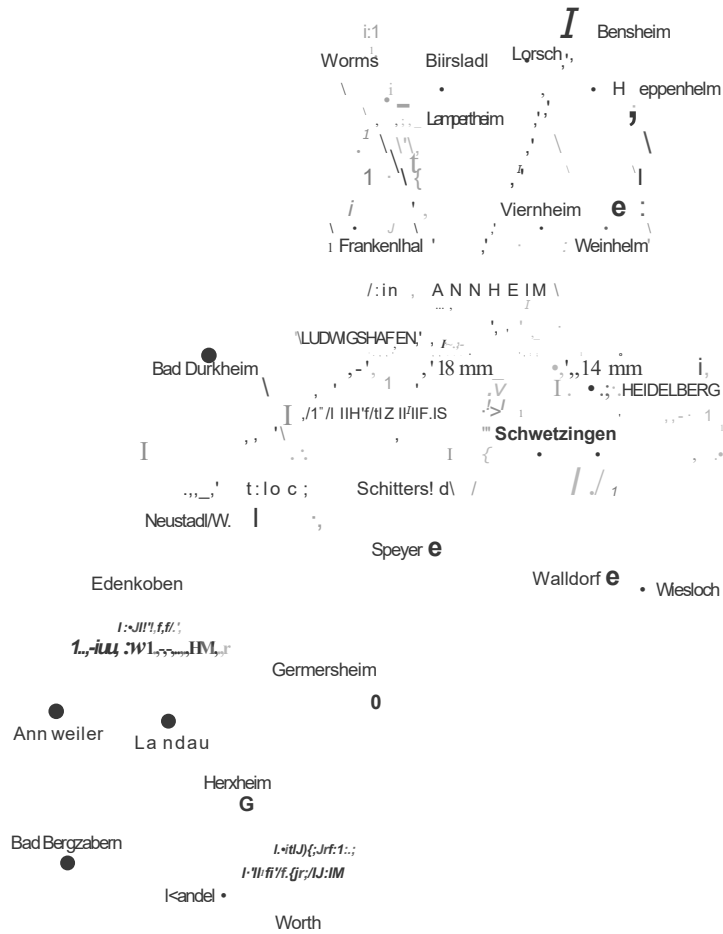
The International German Gymnastics Festival is the **world's largest competition and sports-for-all event with more than 70,000 participants**, at each fitness level and age. It takes place every four years. For the first time ever the festival will not be in single city, but in a region with some 300 towns, cities and villages, communities and administrative districts.

During the week of the festival. **18 - 25 May 2013** (including Whit Sunday), there will be **plenty of attractions to see and participate in!** The festival is much more than gymnastics: There are sports-for-all events, high class sports competitions and championships, great and thrilling gymnastic shows, concerts and performances, a colourful street parade, special children's and youth events, Europe's biggest sports and education academy, a festival and party mile on each day, a comprehensive cultural programme and an information sports fair.

Top location with short distances

The festival will take place in the **multifaceted Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region, in southwestern Germany** just 30 minutes away from Frankfurt/ Main International Airport. As well the core of the MRN, i.e. the twenty communities involved in the sport competitions, the whole region will be taking part, and will support the event. With a population of more than 2,3 million, with an area of 5600 square kilometres, the region is characterised by its economic strength with a variety of fabulous sport, leisure, culinary and cultural attractions. More than 400 town twinning partners show the international connections of the region. With extensive traffic links and an **effective public transport system**, the festival with all its highlights is highly accessible. **All event sites and accommodation facilities lie in a corridor within 30 or so minutes of Mannheim** - the centre of the festival.

There is a wide range of accommodation available including sleeping in a school hall or stopping with a family up or in a luxury hotel.



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Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region **ft'**
 Core Region of the Gymnastic Festival
 Typical journey times on suburban trains in
 the core region of the gymnastic festival) --▶

Experience all these! **Come, and be part of an amazing and unforgettable event - Life in Motion!**

As a town twinning partner of the Metropolitan Region we could offer you the chance to attend the festival not only as a spectator but in an active way as well. You could take part in our games for all activities, or you could perform with your group on stage or take part in our street parade, just as you can take part in the gymnastic competitions. If you are interested you could assist us as a volunteer.

**If you have any questions regarding the festival, please contact
your individual contact person at the town twinning offices.**

Verein Deutsche Turnfeste e.V.

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Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor
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Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend the 17th Annual Polish-Canadian
Business Dinner on **Friday, November 23rd, 2012**
at the Caboto Hall, 1st Floor, 2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

Mr. Joe Comartin

Our Keynote Speaker is Mr. Joe Comartin, Deputy Speaker of the House
of Commons and the Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh

**HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE CANADIAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR THE THIRD TIME AT THE MACLEAN'S/DOMINION AWARD CEREMONY IN 2011**

Our programme will begin at 5:30 pm, with the VIP Reception, in the Library Room,
next to the main bar, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm.

We respectfully request that participants purchase tickets before
November 6th. For reservations and tickets at \$65/person, please contact:
Jerry Barycki, phone: 519-256-4172, cell: 519-980-4174, email: jerrybarycki@gmail.com
or **please mail to the above address your cheque**, payable to the Association.
Please kindly indicate names of participants.

Fujisawa

Drew Dilkens Percy Hatfield Gordon Orr

The City of Windsor was "twinned" with Fujisawa 25 years ago. Over the Canada Day weekend, fifty Fujisawa delegates came here as part of the anniversary celebrations, in tum, Councillors Dilkens and Hatfield along with Gordon Orr, the CEO of Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island visited Japan. Mayor Eddie Francis was supposed to go but had to cancel at the very last minute because of developments that required his personal attention in Windsor.

We left for Fujisawa on Thursday afternoon, September 2ih and arrived on the evening of the 28th. We were met at the airport by Hiromi Okumura, the Director of Fujisawa City Tourist Association; Akihiko Aoki, the Section Manager in the International Affairs Division of the Mayor's office and Yoji Matsui, the Director of the Mayor's International Affairs Division.

After a two hour bus ride to Fujisawa, we had dinner at a seaside Italian restaurant and enjoyed a local favourite, pizza topped with baby sardines as well as a other local specialities before checking into the hotel around ten pm.

After breakfast on Saturday, we met at the hotel with Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki and various members of his council and administration for a welcoming ceremony and exchange of official gifts. Some of those in attendance included the Chair of the Fujisawa City Assembly, Mitsuo Watanabe; Deputy Mayor Yutaka Toma; Kakimi Sasaki, the Superintendent of Education; Audit Commissioner Yoshiro Aoyagi and Hideki Watanabe, the Director General of the Mayor's office.

As head of our delegation, and on behalf of Mayor Francis, Councillor Dilkens officially invited Mayor Suzuki to consider sending a team of young athletes to the International Children's Games being hosted by Windsor next year. Councillor Dilkens told them all about our new downtown aquatic centre being built for the games and said the welcome mat would be out for representatives from Fujisawa. Mayor Suzuki replied that indeed this matter would receive his direct attention.

Everyone was warm and friendly and delighted that we had come. Our visit was jam□ packed and we were soon whisked away and taken to the home of Mrs. Michiko Taguchi who is the President of the Tea ceremony Society of Fujisawa and the secretary General of the Japan Canada Society of Shonan, the region in which Fujisawa is located.

It was a wonderful experience as Mrs Taguchi and her three helpers demonstrated the traditional ceremony for serving tea to visitors. We removed our shoes of course, and sat cross-legged on bamboo mats while the ritual was performed for each of us, and then we each had a tum preparing tea for the "Kimono ladies."

They gave us a gift to bring home to the people of Windsor, hand - made spinning tops which would make for a colourful display in the glass cabinet in the main lobby at City Hall.

That was followed by a light lunch with several of the City Councillors who had visited Windsor as well as Council's Vice-Chairman Kenichirou Matsushita. Then it was off to the harbour and thy island of Enoshima, Fujisawa's main tourism district.

Enoshima attracts about ten million visitors a year. It is a mixture of small restaurants and shops where you can buy the freshest seafood or baked goods and sweets as well as souvenirs along a narrow cobblestone alley that stretches a few short blocks uphill where there are several shrines and temples and more shops and restaurants.

You can either walk, and walk some more or you can pay and take a series of escalators up knowing no matter how high you go, you'll have to walk all the way down.

At the top there is a wonderful outdoor concert area at the base of a lighthouse-like "sea candle" with observation deck from which you can see for miles around. It gives a great view of Fujisawa's beachfront and marina. Fujisawa is known as the "Miami Beach of the East". Thankfully there is an elevator to take you up to the top and back down.

Not far away from this tower is the City of Windsor rose garden which is in full bloom in May and October. Fujisawa is also "twinned" with Miami Beach; Matsumoto in Japan; Kunming City in China and Boryeong in Korea and they each are represented in the Sister Friendly section of Enoshima.

We returned to our Hotel, changed and then set out for our Welcome Dinner with Deputy Mayor Tsuneo Ishli and other members of Council and administration.

We enjoyed such culinary delights as mackerel quiche while speaking through three interpreters throughout our evening and it was a great experience, quizzing each other about our respective municipalities and how we do things. Hideomi Kawazoe, who was in Windsor five years ago as part of the official delegation, was one of the interpreters for the evening.

Sunday morning we left early to visit Kamakura. It is only a short distance away but home to a national treasure, The Great Buddha temple. They started to build this huge Buddha statue in 1252 and it took them ten years to finish the job. It is 13.4 m. high and weighs 121 tons.

We also took the time to tour the nearby Kencho-Ji Temple, the oldest Zen training monastery in Japan, and the first-ranked of the five great Zen temples of Kamakura. It's been there since 1253.

Fujisawa celebrates a Citizen's festival and we were honoured guests, joining the Mayor and other civic dignitaries on the reviewing stand for the first part, and then walking with the Mayor, dignitaries and a popular young singer for the second part of the parade which was televised. It was quite a thrill. The three of us were wearing matching City of Windsor polo shirts, waving Canadian flags, and wearing a City of Fujisawa vest □ like garment.

Shoko Yokota, an interpreter who has visited Windsor in the past was there and asked us to say "hello" to the people she met during her stay as one of the official delegates.

Because of a typhoon alert, the parade was cut short. We had a quick lunch and then departed for the Misono girls school where Councillor Dilkens presented the school's Principal, Sister Shimizu Masumi, with a framed photo of the fifty students and Mayor Francis in the Council Chamber taken during their visit this past summer.

About thirty of the girls put on an amazing concert with musical bells and then we were given a tour of the school by students who had visited Windsor and we also were treated to a mini-concert with traditional guitar-like instruments by a student and her grandfather.

The typhoon warning was enough to convince the organizers to cancel the evening banquet scheduled with the Japan Canada Society. Most of those coming were seniors and the wind and heavy rain made driving treacherous. However we did exchange gifts in the hotel lobby with society representatives who had brought along a glorious floral arrangement, featuring a dwarf Japanese Pine tree said to be about 150 years old that requires constant pruning to keep it a manageable size.

With no banquet to attend, and the Mayor and others on call for typhoon related duties, we were invited to dine with senior members of the staff at a traditional Japanese restaurant nearby, followed by a bit of karaoke despite the storm raging outside.

Most of the typhoon passed us by but other areas were hit hard, cars overturned and there was a loss of life during the storm, the 11th to hit Japan this season.

On our final day, the Mayor, his Deputies and other civic leaders came to see us off at the hotel. Following our good-byes we visited the Fujisawa version of our Jackson Park where Windsor roses were on display and inside the green house/ office building there was a photo exhibit of Windsor.

We also took in a tour of Fujisawa's energy from waste incinerator and recycling operation.

Citizens there have strict limits on what can be discarded and what has to be recycled. Waste is put out in clear plastic bags, coloured differently, depending on the intended contents.

There is a cost per bag for pickup, which helps pay the cost of the service and the incinerator.

The city is in the process of building a more modern recycling facility next door, but the incinerator is housed in a plant that is as clean or cleaner than most family homes.

Visitors and staff remove their shoes upon entering the facility and exchange them for slippers - you could eat off the floors, they are that clean.

The oven was on, and garbage was being burned, but we saw no emissions from the stack, they obviously invested in the proper scrubbers and made it environmentally friendly, unlike the garbage incinerator in Detroit.

From there, our bus ride back to the airport, a goodbye meal of sushi and our final farewells to Hiromi, Akihiko, and Mikiko Nyudo, the Senior Staff person in the Mayor's International Affairs Division. Because of the time difference we flew out of Japan at three in the afternoon on Monday October first and arrived in Detroit at two pm on the same day, just in time to pick up our luggage, clear customs, go home and change and get to the City Council meeting that evening.

Respectfully submitted - Councillor Drew Dilkens

Councillor Percy Hatfield

TWEPI CEO Gordon Orr

Business Plan and Financial Request for 2013 Budget Deliberations

Name of Committee: *International Relations Committee*

Mandate:

To promote the international interests and image of the City of Windsor. To support the efforts of the Mayor and Council in the enhancement of Windsor's international image. To promote and enhance our relationship with Twin Cities. To support international educational and cultural initiatives.

How were previous funds spent? Provide history:

Initiatives for 2013:

Budget Request-Identify Type of Expense and Dollar amount:

Type of Expense:

Dollar Amount:

TOTAL:\$

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How were previous funds spent? Provide history: The International Relations Committee has been anticipating some major initiatives in 2012 and 2013 and has therefore purposely saved their budget in order to accomplish these goals. This includes the sister-city sculpture in the new International Gardens in Jackson Park as well as undertaking outreach in 2012 for the purposes of building our sister-city presence at the ICG in 2013.	
Initiatives for 2012: Preparations to host a role in the 2013 International Children's Games: Outreach and programming- Invite Mayors of the Sisters Cities to attend the August 2013 event (IRC to absorb the cost of the hotels) Possibility to host an event with parents and children (from Sister Cities) participating in the Event. Recognition of Milestone Dates/Twinning Anniversaries: <u>30th Anniversary with Fujisawa, Japan.</u> 50 th Anniversary with St. Etienne Twin Cities Sculpture Project: Selecting a suitable contribution to be created. Stronger Internet Presence: Speaks to accountability. Enhancing the committee website when new City of Windsor website is rolled out to ensure that photos and report from International exchanges is documented and available for public review. Future Potential Twin Cities: Discussions with the community revolving around future twinings with Pune, India and Dieppe, France.	
Budget Request-Identify Type of Expense and Dollar amount: Provided the upcoming events with the Sculpture Project monument and outreach for the International Children's Games for 2013 to our twin cities, the IRC is requesting a carry forward of funds to help fund the projects.	
Type of Expense:	Dollar Amount:
Twin Cities Sculpture Project	\$15,000.00 *(\$1,000 donation from the Gunsan, South Korea Sub-Committee)
Sub Committee Meeting Event	\$1,500.00

ICG in Korea and Outreach Fujisawa	\$6,500.00
Changchun Sister-City Conference	\$5,000.00
Incoming Delegations 2012: Fujisawa and Gunsan	\$2,500.00 -
St. Etienne ICG Outreach and so•h Twinnin Anniversary	\$3,000.00
Dieppe, France Twinning Exchange	\$1,000.00
Pune, India Twinning	\$2,500.00
Outreach to Lublin and Coventry	\$3,000.00
Outreach to Mannheim and Udine	\$1,500.00
Outreach to Granby	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$44,250.00
LESS CARRY FORWARD	\$28,750.00
	TOTAL: \$15,680.00