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Windsor, Ontario April 7, 2016

A meeting of the **International Relations Committee** is held this day commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Mayor Drew Dilkens (Ex-Officio) (arrives at 3:44 p.m.)
Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor John Elliott
Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk
Bryan Bailey
Jerry Barycki
Maria Belenkova
Dr. Sushil Jain
Donika McFarlane
Blake Roberts

Regrets received from:

Wissam Aoun
Natasha Feghali
L.T. Zhao

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Will Foot, Council Assistant
Sandra Gebauer, 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:

The Chair welcomes Councillor John Elliott to the International Relations Committee.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- 7.2** Dr. Sushil Jain to share some ideas about Bharat, India's growing economic power and the relationship with Canada.

Carried.

2. MINUTES

Moved by Dr. S. Jain, seconded by J. Barycki,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held September 17, 2015 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

Dr. S. Jain discloses an interest on Item 5.2 as he is the President of the South Asian Centre of Windsor.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 2016 Shona Fujisawa Citizens Marathon

S. Gebauer advises information relating to the 2016 Shonan Fujisawa Citizens Marathon was disseminated to local running clubs and the University of Windsor and St. Clair College Athletics Departments with minimal feedback.

In response to a request from Fujisawa for the donation of prizes for the male/female marathon winners, the City of Windsor provided two City of Windsor pens and two pewter City of Windsor medallions. Also sent were City of Windsor pins, key chains, a video greeting from Mayor Dilkens and a promotional video of the City of Windsor.

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by B. Bailey,
That the verbal update by S. Gebauer, Council Assistant regarding the 2016 Shona Fujisawa Citizens Marathon **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

4.2 Lublin, Poland Delegation to Windsor – November 4-8, 2015

J. Barycki provides an overview of the document entitled “Twentieth Anniversary Business Dinner” in Windsor of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association held November 6, 2015 at the Dom Polski Hall. He notes articles regarding the Twentieth Anniversary Dinner were published in the Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor and in the Polish Times.

The Chair thanks the IRC members who attended the dinner. He also thanks J. Barycki and the Polish Community.

Moved by Dr. S. Jain and Councillor J. Elliott

That the verbal update by J. Barycki regarding the Twentieth Anniversary Business Dinner of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association held November 6, 2015 at the Dom Polski Hall, Windsor **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

4.3 Gunsan, South Korea Delegation to Windsor – November 4, 2015

The Chair thanks the IRC members for welcoming and hosting the Gunsan, South Korea delegation to Windsor on November 4, 2015. He notes Dahee Kim who worked for the City of Windsor through an exchange program March 2015 for a 1 year term, was an asset to our city.

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by M. Belenkova,

That the verbal update by the Chair regarding the visit of the Gunsan, South Korea delegation to Windsor on November 4, 2015 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

4.4 Visit by Councillor Francis and Councillor Elliott to Mannheim, Germany – February 17-21, 2016

The salient points of discussion/comments provided by Councillor Elliott and Councillor Francis relating to the visit to Mannheim, Germany on February 17-21, 2016 are as follows:

- All expenses including air fare, accommodations and meals were covered by the City of Mannheim.
- Several photos of the visit are provided including – Council Chambers in Mannheim, Mayor Kurtz, army base which now serves as housing for the Syrian migrants, Twin Cities group.
- The conference focused on migration and the Syrian refugees.
- “What cities need to be successful in the 21st century” to be part of the United Nations Manifesto.

- Currently, there are 12,000 refugees in Germany housed in three refugee camps.
- Hockey is very popular in Germany. Suggestion for hockey and student exchange.
- The City of Mannheim is enthusiastic to visit the City of Windsor in 2017.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,
That the verbal update by Councillor Francis and Councillor Elliott regarding their visit to Mannheim, Germany on February 17-21, 2016 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

4.5 2017 Celebrations – City of Windsor’s 125th Birthday and Canada’s 150th Birthday

The following comments are provided relating to the City of Windsor’s 125th Birthday and Canada’s 150th Birthday:

- Administration has completed a grant application to the Department of Canadian Heritage for the City of Windsor’s 125th birthday.
- Suggestion to invite two representatives from each of the twelve Twin Cities to attend the festivities.
- Windsor’s Birthday celebration will be held on May 20, 2017 at Dieppe Gardens and may include events such as:
 - A Birthday Walk with Mayor Drew Dilkens and Special Guests
 - Arrival ceremony at Dieppe Gardens
 - Windsor Concert Band to welcome everyone with a big band rendition of Oh Canada
 - A representative from Windsor’s French-Canadian Community will share words of welcome in English and French.
 - A “Town Crier” will read the Act to incorporate the City of Windsor.
 - Windsor’s Poet Laureate, Marty Gervais will recite a new work of poetry in honour of Windsor’s 125th Birthday.
- Suggestion to involve industry/agencies/community partners to assist with the festivities.
- The Mayor’s Office will be sending invitations to the Twin Cities, i.e. “Save the Date Card’ following the determination of budget, number of attendants, etc.
- Dinner with the Twin Cities to be held on a date to be determined.

B. Roberts leaves the meeting at 3:58 o’clock p.m.

The Chair requests S. Gebauer provide a “draft” budget for the scenario that two representatives from all of the 12 Twin Cities attend the City of Windsor’s 125th Birthday. The draft budget will also include hotel accommodations and transportation costs for a 3 to 4 day visit to Windsor.

In response to a question asked by Dr. S. Jain regarding the gift selection for representatives from the Twin Cities, the Chair responds the selection of the gifts will be coordinated with Administration and the Mayor's Office.

Moved by M. Belenkova, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,
That the verbal update by the Council Assistant relating to the City of Windsor's 125th Birthday and Canada's 150th Birthday **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 E-mail from Yeonha An, Gunsan, Korea

It is generally agreed the e-mail dated February 29, 2016 from Yeonha An, Gunsan, Korea will be sent to the Mayor's Office. The question posed in the e-mail is if Mayor Dilkens is planning to visit Korea at the invitation of the Yuhan Technical High School.

5.2 South Asian Centre – 30th Anniversary Dinner

Dr. S. Jain discloses an interest on this matter as he is the President of the South Asian Centre of Windsor.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$240. for the purchase of four tickets (\$60. each) for Mayor Dilkens and three IRC members to attend the South Asian Centre 30th Anniversary Dinner to be held on May 6, 2016 at the Caboto Club.
Carried.
Dr. S. Jain discloses an interest and abstains from voting on the matter.

6. CONFIRM AND RATIFY E-MAIL POLL

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by B. Bailey,
That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$4,000 to host a delegation from Lublin, Poland to the City of Windsor from November 4-8, 2015.
Carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Vision Brainstorming for the 2016-2018 Term

M. Belenkova expresses concern the Twinning relationship with Satio, Mexico is dormant due to a lack of interest.

The Chair indicates formal communication between Twin Cities is accomplished through contact via Mayor to Mayor.

J. Barycki states community involvement between the Twin Cities is necessary.

Discussion ensues regarding the removal of Satio, Mexico as a Twin City and the methodology/policy on how to go about this. It is generally agreed this matter will remain as status quo at this time.

The Chair questions how to engage local communities, and suggests the creation of a subcommittee.

Councillor Elliott leaves the meeting at 4:22 o'clock p.m.

The following further comments are provided relating to the "vision brainstorming":

- There is a need for IRC to be more active in the community to provide public awareness at events such as FINA, Windsor International Film Festival
- There are 111 Nations coming to Windsor for the FINA event. How do we envision the role of the IRC.
- Suggestion to send video/letter to Twin Cities. The video entitled "Windsor-Essex A Quiet Giant" is shown to the Committee.
- It is proposed that Twin City students to participate in an exchange program with Windsor.

J. Barckyi leaves the meeting at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

7.2 Dr. Sushil Jain to share some ideas about Bharat, India's growing economic power and the relationship with Canada

Dr. Jain reports Bharat, India has a rapidly growing economy and educational system. He proposes an exchange program with the university in Bharat. He notes currently there are 437 Visa students from India attending the University of Windsor and states there is an opportunity for Windsor to build a relationship with Bharat.

Mayor Dilkens leaves the meeting at 4:40 o'clock p.m.

Moved by B. Bailey, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,
That the verbal update by Dr. S. Jain regarding Bharat, India **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

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 4:45 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR