

## **International Relations Committee**

Meeting held February 2, 2022

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair  
Councillor Fabio Costante  
Councillor Gary Kaschak  
Councillor Ed Sleiman  
Daniel Ableser  
Jerry Barycki  
Maria Belenkova  
Ronnie Haidar  
William Ma  
Scott Despina

### ***Regrets received from:***

Steven Spagnuolo

### ***Also present are the following resource personnel:***

Wadah Al-Yassiri, Manager Parks Development  
Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:33 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

### **2. Declaration of Conflict**

None disclosed.

### 3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by J. Barycki,  
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held  
October 20, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

### 4. Business Items

#### 4.1 Twin City Post

W. Al-Yassiri provides a presentation **attached** as Appendix "A" illustrating the final design of the Twin City Post, as follows:

- Mock-up provided which depicts the look of the signs for the post.
- Pole location with the directional signs
- Confirmed all aspects of the post have been vetted with other city departments.
- The signage on the post will replicate the city street signs with the addition of colours, fonts and according to the direction of the Committee. The sign will be on a white backdrop with a black border, with the arrow and lettering in black with the exception of the flag which will be in colour.
- Seeking direction on how the signage will look, i.e. which option is preferred by the Committee.
- Signs will be double-sided.

The Chair indicates that any reference to the Post should be "Twin Cities" rather than "Sister Cities". He suggests that the country of the respective twin city should be included on the signage.

J. Barycki states that the country should not be included on the post as the public should be aware of that particular country's flag.

M. Belenkova concurs with Mr. Barycki and adds if people are unaware of a country's flag; it will offer an opportunity to do research about that country.

Discussion ensues regarding the font size on the signage.

R. Haidar remarks that the Twin City Post is more about the twin city than the country.

D. Ableser leans towards including the country name. He states that he would not recognize Las Vueltas or the country flag and visually prefers the third option from the presentation.

Councillor Sleiman is in agreement with adding the country to the Twin City Post.

R. Haidar suggests that the current rectangular sign be tapered off as an arrow pointing in the direction of the respective country.

W. Al-Yassiri indicates that the amount of space on the sign will be affected by the tapering of the sign to create an arrow. He adds that he will contact the Traffic Department regarding this request. He remarks that the majority of the signs will be pointed in a northeast direction.

In response to a question asked by the Chair regarding the font size on Option #1 and Option #4, W. Al-Yassiri responds that Option #1 has four inch lettering and Option #4 has two inch lettering.

The Chair asks which of the four options is favoured by the Committee and the vote indicates that five members prefer Option #1 (includes the country) and four members choose Option #4. The Chair indicates that #1 is the preferred option.

W. Al-Yassiri advises that the Twin Cities Post will be placed at the northwest corner of City Hall, south of the Councillor's parking lot. The Post will have a cobra head, which will provide light to the signs and will ensure that the signs are staggered in a way so they will fit nicely and will be out of reach of any vandals.

The Chair requests that W. Al-Yassiri provide a full mock-up for Option #1 that includes the tapered signs and the post.

W. Al-Yassiri states that the sign at the top of the Post sign will say "Twin Cities of Windsor" with the Canadian flag. He asks what the verbiage will be on the plaque at the bottom the Post.

The Chair responds that there is verbiage that outlines the purpose of the Twin Cities.

## 5. Communications

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

- 5.1 Sister City Partnership Agreement between the Sovereign State of Shrikailasa and the City of Windsor.
- 5.2 International Children's Games to be held in 2022 in Coventry, England.
- 5.3 2021 Virtual Children's Art Exhibition – E-mail from Pia Schanne, Mannheim, Germany
- 5.4 Letter from Mayor Dr Kurz, Mannheim, Germany thanking Mayor Dilkens for congratulating him on receiving the World Mayor International Award.

- 5.5 E-mail from Pia Schanne, Mannheim, Germany regarding the Youth Workcamp – Garden of Twin Cities.

Carried.

**6. New Business**

None.

**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 3:56 o'clock p.m.

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**CHAIR**

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**COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**