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Windsor, Ontario November 13, 2012

A meeting of the **International Relations Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Drew Dilkens, Chair  
Councillor Percy Hatfield  
Councillor Ron Jones  
Jerry Barycki  
Guy Diponio (arrives at 5:03 p.m.)  
Blake Roberts  
Dr. Frank Simpson

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

Robert Barlozzari, Council Assistant  
Cathy Masterson, Manager of Cultural Affairs  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Councillor Hatfield, seconded by Dr. Simpson,  
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee meeting held August 30, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **4.1 International German Gymnastics Festival – May 18-25, 2013**

R. Barlozzari advises Rose City Gymnastics is interested in participating in the International German Gymnastics Festival to be held from May 18-25, 2013 in Mannheim, Germany. He indicates he will provide contact information for the International German Gymnastics Festival to Rose City Gymnastics.

Moved by Dr. Simpson, seconded by J. Barycki,

That the letter from Dr. Peter Kurz, Mayor, City of Mannheim, Germany regarding the International German Gymnastics Festival to be held from May 18 – 25, 2013 in Mannheim, Germany **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

### **6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **6.1 E-mail Poll – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish-Canadian Business Dinner**

It is generally agreed that the following e-mail poll conducted and approved on November 5, 2012 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Hatfield,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$260 for the purchase of four (4) tickets for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish-Canadian Business Dinner to be held on November 23, 2012 at the Giovanni Caboto Club, Windsor.

Carried.

#### **6.2 Sister Cities and Cooperative Mayors Conference – Changchun, China**

The salient points of discussion relating to the Sister Cities and Cooperative Mayor's Conference held in Changchun, China are as follows:

- Councillor Dilkens and Blake Roberts attended the Mayor's Conference in Changchun from September 13 – 16, 2012.
- A student interpreter was provided throughout the visit
- All sister cities of Changchun were invited to make a presentation
- City of Windsor provided a presentation/video from Tourism Windsor and the Mayor's Office (the best of all presentations).
- City of Windsor presented a gift from Tsunami Glass Works to Mayor Jiang Zhiying.
- Dined with Dr. Diana Kao (who also attended the Conference)
- The International Children's Games to be held in 2013 in Windsor was highly promoted
- Visited an economic development area and viewed a beautiful building displaying a scaled model of Changchun.

J. Barycki requests the Tourism Windsor video (presented at the Sister Cities and Cooperative Mayor's Conference) be provided for the IRC Committee to view.

Moved by G. Diponio, seconded by B. Roberts,  
That the verbal report by Councillor Dilkens and Blake Roberts regarding their visit to Changchun, China for the Sisters Cities and Cooperative Mayor's Conference held September 13-16, 2012 **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

### **6.3 Report: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fujisawa, Japan**

Councillor Hatfield provides an overview of the 25<sup>th</sup> Twin City Anniversary Celebration held in Fujisawa, Japan as follows:

- Councillor Dilkens and Gordon Orr, also accompanied Councillor Hatfield
- Arrived in Fujisawa on September 28, 2012 and met by the Director of Fujisawa City Tourist Association, the Sections Manager, Mayor's Office and the Director of the Mayor's International Affairs Division.
- Attended a welcoming ceremony along with Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki and members of the Council.
- Councillor Dilkens officially invited Mayor Suzuki to consider sending a team of young athletes to the 2013 International Childrens Games being hosted by the City of Windsor.
- Visited the Great Buddha Temple in Kamakura, Japan.
- Toured the Kencho-Ji Temple, the oldest Zen training monastery in Japan.
- Toured Fujisawa's energy from waste incinerator and the recycling operation. Although the garbage was being burned, there were no visible emissions from the stack.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by Councillor Jones,  
That the verbal/written report submitted by Councillor Hatfield, Councillor Dilkens and Gordon Orr regarding their attendance at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning between Fujisawa, Japan with Windsor, Ontario **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cathy Masterson, Manager of Cultural Affairs is present to provide information relating to the Twin Cities Monument Project. The "Expression of Interest #114-12 – Public Art Project" is distributed and ***attached*** as Appendix "A".

J. Barycki distributes a Twin Cities Monument "concept" drawing completed by a local architect, ***attached*** as Appendix "B".

An e-mail from Rob Barlozzari dated November 13, 2012 provides an historical background relating to the Twin Cities Monument Project, attached as Appendix “C”.

The Chair indicates when the Sister Cities visit Windsor; they are looking for “something” that represents them.

C. Masterson suggests another Call for Proposal for the Twin Cities Monument Project be undertaken to include local artists and artists across the Province. G. Diponio suggests local architects also be included.

The Chair advises there are funds in the amount of \$15,000 set aside for this particular project.

In response to a question asked by C. Masterson regarding the unveiling of the Twin Cities Monument, B. Roberts suggests the unveiling should coincide with the 2013 International Children’s Games.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by J. Barycki,

That the Manager of Cultural Affairs **BE REQUESTED** to report back to the International Relations Committee on the logistics relating to the criteria and the Call for Proposal for the Twin Cities Monument, and further, that **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$15,000 for the Twin Cities Monument to be constructed and housed in Jackson Park.

Carried.

#### **6.4 Business Plan and Financial Request for 2013 Budget Deliberations**

The Chair advises the two key initiatives for the IRC in 2013 are:

- Sister City Conference for the International Children’s Games (ICG)
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Windsor twinning with Coventry and St. Etienne

The salient points of discussion relating to the 2013 ICG are as follows:

- Suggestion the Sister City Conference be a 3 day event and to include a global economy component
- Representatives from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be invited to attend the Conference
- Invite the Mayors and City Officials from the Sister Cities
- Provide a key-note speaker

Councillor Hatfield notes it is difficult to budget for the event as the invitees have not been established and the logistics of the Conference have not been outlined. He suggests approximately 20 representatives be invited to attend a 3 day Conference.

The Chair recommends \$25,000 as the budget for the event.

Moved by Dr. Simpson, seconded by B. Roberts,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to a budget of \$25,000 for the Sister Cities Conference to be held in conjunction with the 2013 International Children's Games.

Carried.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair states he attended a meeting with Dr. Clayton Smith; University of Windsor regarding the methodology to further align and support the relationship with Dr. Diana Kao in Changchun, China.

A suggestion is made to contact Mr. David Langford, of David Langford Productions to produce videos to showcase the City of Windsor.

G. Diponio recommends notifying the Twin Cities when various conferences are occurring in Windsor, i.e. automotive as there may be an interest in participating.

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 6:22 o'clock p.m.

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR