

International Relations Committee – Meeting held November 8, 2017

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

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor Paul Borrelli (arrives at 3:03 p.m.)
Councillor John Elliott
Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk
Jerry Barycki
Natasha Feghali
Dr. Sushil Jain
Blake Roberts
L.T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Maria Belenkova

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:02 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

Additions to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Elliott, 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:

Presentation – Samantha Magalas, Sports Tourism Officer regarding a "Canada-Russia Hockey Match"

6.10 E-mail from Ljupka Maslova, Mayor's Office Protocol Officer, Municipality of Ohrid regarding the new Mayor of the City of Ohrid

6.11 General Information about Yaroslavl, Russia

Carried.

Presentation

Samantha Magalas, Sports Tourism Officer is present and provides the following information relating to the IRC hosting an amateur Canada-Russia Hockey Match at the WFCU Centre on December 9, 2017:

- Requesting approval by the IRC to host the Canada-Russia Hockey Match as there may be a potential twinning with a city in Russia in the future.
- The match includes the “Red Machine” team, which is comprised of Embassy employees and Russian speakers from Toronto and Ottawa. They would play a local Windsor team possibly comprised of police/fire/EMS/border patrol, etc.
- The cost for the event which includes ice time, hiring an official(s), purchase of jerseys and additional insurance is \$1,500.

Moved by Councillor Kusmierczyk, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,500 for costs associated with an amateur Canada-Russia Hockey Match to be held in the main bowl of the WFCU Centre on December 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and further, that spectators may attend at no cost.

Carried.

2. Minutes

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held May 31, 2017 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

3. Declarations of Conflict

None disclosed.

4. Business Items

4.1 Policy relating to the Purchase of Tickets for Dinners/Galas

The Chair suggests administration be directed to research and advise if there is a policy in place relating to the purchase of tickets for dinners and galas.

B. Roberts proposes setting parameters on the cost and number of tickets to be purchased.

Dr. Jain recommends tickets be purchased only from local organizations.

Moved by Councillor Kusmierczyk, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,
That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back with a basic framework and/or policy relating to the purchase of tickets for dinners and galas as it relates to the mandate of the International Relations Committee.

Carried.

5. Confirm and Ratify E-mail Polls

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Dr. S. Jain,
That the following motions **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

*That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$300 (tickets are \$75. each) for the Mayor and three (3) members of the IRC to attend the 22nd Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner to be held on Friday, November 24, 2017 at the Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Avenue at 5:30 o'clock p.m.*

*That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$267.11 for the purchase of twelve (12) personalized name tags (includes a set-up fee) to be worn by members of the International Relations Committee at all events.*

*That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$600 for the admission costs for a group of fifty-seven (57) Fujisawa Misono Girls High School Group including teachers, escorts and sixteen (16) local instructors to visit Adventure Bay on July 31, 2017.*

Carried.

6. Communications

6.1 E-mail from Fujisawa City Hall regarding an Official Visit by Mayor Dilkens and IRC members in February 2018

The Chair advises invitations for a delegation from the City of Windsor have been received from Fujisawa and Gunsan. He indicates Mayor Dilkens and the Chair of the IRC will be accepting this invitation to visit Japan and South Korea for approximately a week's time. He adds the IRC Operating budget will absorb the cost of the airfare and he indicates citizen groups may also be included as part of the delegation.

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by J. Barycki,
That the invitation extended by Windsor's twin cities, Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea for Mayor Dilkens, the Chair and three representatives from the International Relations Committee on dates to be determined in February 2018 **BE**

ACCEPTED and further, that the cost of the return air fare for the delegation **BE CHARGED** to the 2018 IRC Operating Budget.

Carried.

S. Gebauer indicates she will contact the Office of the Mayor to determine the dates the delegation will visit Fujisawa and Gunsan and will report back.

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$20,000 for costs associated with the delegation consisting of (Mayor Dilkens and 4 members of the International Relations Committee) to visit Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea on dates to be determined in February 2018.

Carried.

6. Communications

The e-mail from Ljupka Maslova, Mayor's Office Protocol Officer, Municipality of Ohrid dated November 6, 2017 is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "A".

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 6.1 E-mail dated September 18, 2017 from Fujisawa City Hall regarding an Official Visit by Mayor Dilkens and IRC members in February 2018
- 6.2 Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor. The document outlining the Year of Twinning and Anniversary dates.
- 6.3 Summary of the visit by City of Luzhou, China.
- 6.4 Letter from Carmen del Rosario, Las Vueltas thanking the City of Windsor for their economic support.
- 6.5 E-mail from Antigona Naumovska, Municipality of Ohrid sending regrets regarding the City of Windsor celebrations.
- 6.6 Letter from Tsuneo Suzuki, Mayor of the City of Fujisawa thanking the City of Windsor for their recent visit.
- 6.7 Letter from Dong-Shin Moon, Mayor of Gunsan City, Republic of Korea regarding their visit to the City of Windsor.
- 6.8 E-mail from Gunsan, Republic of Korea regarding their visit to the City of Windsor and the Children's Art Exchange.
- 6.9 E-mail from Ai Ishiuchi, Policy Planning Department, Fujisawa and a letter from Tsuneo Suzuki, Mayor of Fujisawa regarding the Shonan Fujisawa Citizen Marathon 2018 and an invitation for a delegation from the City of Windsor to visit Fujisawa in February 2018.
- 6.10 E-mail from Ljupka Maslova, Mayor's Office Protocol Officer, Municipality of Ohrid regarding the new Mayor of the City of Ohrid.

Carried.

7. New Business

The documents entitled “General Information about Yaroslav” and the Government Rules and Regulations relating to a request for twinning are distributed and **attached** as Appendix “B”.

The Chair advises in meeting with Professor Roman Gr. Maev, Honorary Consul of the Russian Federation in Ontario (Windsor) Canada that a discussion took place relating to a possible twinning relationship with Russia. He suggests Dr. Maev be invited to attend the next meeting of the International Relations Committee.

Dr. Jain suggests research be undertaken to determine if there is a Russian community in the City of Windsor.

J. Barycki refers to the Canada and European Union Agreement and he states there should be a student exchange with Windsor and cities in Europe. The European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students (ERASMUS) is a higher education exchange which guarantees that the period spent abroad is recognized by their university when they return.

B. Roberts suggests contacting the Windsor Essex Development Commission and he questions the funding source for this initiative.

Councillor Kusmierczyk requests examples from other municipalities be provided that will demonstrate how this works. J. Barycki states he will contact the Embassy and will report back.

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 3:55 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR