

International Relations Committee Meeting held October 10, 2018

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 201, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor John Elliott
Jerry Barycki
Maria Belenkova
Natasha Feghali
Dr. Sushil Jain
L.T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk

Guest in attendance:

C. Stephen MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation, regarding ***Item 4***

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 3:00 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 N. Feghali, seconded by Dr. S. Jain,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held
March 27, 2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

3. Declaration of Conflict

J. Barycki discloses an interest on Item 5.3 as he is the President of The Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

4. Presentation

Stephen MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation appears before the Committee to provide a verbal presentation regarding the possibility of conducting a business development mission to Poland in 2019. The highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- The development mission to Poland would have three major tracks/programs:
 - **Education:** explore student and/or professor exchanges, international student recruitment, opportunities for research collaboration
 - **Industry:** including business development for existing Windsor-Essex companies, business attraction and workforce recruitment
 - **Government:** good will, possibly Federal, Provincial and Municipal participation
- The dates for the development mission to Poland – May 11, 2019 to May 18, 2019
- The Canadian Embassy is in support of the mission to Poland.
- The mission will include a visit to Warsaw, Chelm and Lublin, Poland.

The Draft Itinerary for the business development mission to Poland is **attached** as Appendix “A”.

In response to a question asked by Dr. Jain regarding what University of Windsor departments are being invited on the business development mission to Poland, S. MacKenzie responds a professor from the Business Department, representatives from the Cross Border Institute and Dr. Douglas Kneale, Interim President and Vice Chancellor.

In terms of representatives from St. Clair College, S. MacKenzie states he has had discussions with the Director of Research.

The Chair asks what is being done for the workforce in the City of Windsor. S. MacKenzie responds the WEEDC works with Workforce Windsor-Essex. He adds he is endeavouring to ensure that St. Clair College and the University of Windsor are offering courses in the trade industry.

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the verbal presentation by Stephen MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation regarding a business development mission to Poland in May 2019 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5. Business Items

5.1 Purchase of Gift for Fujisawa Misono Girls High School

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$847.50 for the purchase of a gift for the Misono Girls High School.
Carried.

5.2 Update on the Children's Art Exhibition

The Chair thanks S. Gebauer for the excellent work in organizing and implementing the Children's Art Exhibition.

S. Gebauer advises certificates were sent to the children who participated in the Children's Art Exhibition, those being, Gunsan, South Korea, Fujisawa, Japan, Changchun, China and Las Vueltas, El Salvador. Letters were also sent from the Mayor's Office to the Mayors of the cities who participated.

Moved by N. Feghali, seconded by M. Belenkova,
That the verbal update provided by S. Gebauer, Council Assistant regarding the 2018 Children's Art Exhibition **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5.3 23rd Annual Polish-Canadian Society Dinner – November 23, 2018

J. Barycki discloses an interest as he is the President of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor and leaves the room during the discussion.

Moved by Dr. Jain, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$400 for Mayor Dilkens and three members of the IRC to attend the 23rd Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner to be held on November 23, 2018 at the Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Avenue.

Carried.

J. Barycki returns to the meeting.

6. Communications

Moved by N. Feghali, seconded by J. Barycki,
That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 6.1 Letter from Dr. Ludovic Roy, Chair of the Mannheim Twinning Association regarding the International SDG – Expert Conference with Mannheim’s partner cities.
- 6.2 Letter from the Mayor of Gunsan City to Mayor Dilkens thanking him for his congratulatory letter regarding his inauguration as Mayor of Gunsan City.
- 6.3 E-mail from Remigiusz Kowalczyk, City of Lublin regarding the Children’s Art Exchange Program.
- 6.4 E-mail from Hideomi Kawazone, City of Fujisawa regarding the visit of Dr. Kao from the University of Windsor to Fujisawa.
- 6.5 E-mail from James Zhou Yao, Vice Director of International Office of Jilin Huaqiao University of Foreign Languages, Changchun, regarding if the University of Windsor is interested in cooperating with the Jilin Huaqiao University in such subjects as English, business management, culture, economy or education.
- 6.6 E-mail from Serim Park, City of Gunsan advising of the inauguration of Mayor Kang Im-June.
- 6.7 Letter from Mayor Dilkens to the Mayor of the City of Gunsan extending congratulations to Mayor Kang Im-June on his election as Mayor.
- 6.8 E-mail advising the new representative in the Changchun Foreign Affairs Office is Michelle Haiyang.
- 6.9 E-mail from James Zhou Yao, regarding an Executive Program of Friendly Exchanges between the City of Windsor and City of Changchun.
- 6.10 Letter from Riko Jojima, Director, Kanagawa Plaza for Global Citizenship, Japan Overseas Cooperative Association regarding an invitation to submit children’s artwork to the 20th Kanagawa Biennial World Children’s Art Exhibition.
- 6.11 Letters from Mayor Dilkens to the following Cities regarding their participation in the Children’s Art Exchange – San Salvador, El Salvador Changchun, China, Fujisawa, Japan, Gunsan, South Korea.

Carried.

7. Confirm and Ratify E-Mail Polls

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

That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

That approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 for costs associated with the display and potential shipping costs related to the participation by the Twin Cities in the Children's Art Exhibition to be held at Windsor City Hall from August 24, 2018 to September 4, 2018, and further, that the funding also include participation in the Children's Art Exhibition to be held in Gunsan, South Korea in the Fall of 2018.

Carried.

7.2 Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by Dr. Jain,

That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

That approval be given to an expenditure in the amount of \$350 for the admission costs for a group of twenty-two (22) students from the Fujisawa Misono Girls High School as well as teachers, escorts, and local instructors to visit Adventure Bay on July 31, 2018 and for costs associated with hosting the Misono Girls High School at Windsor City Hall on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Carried.

8. New Business

The Chair thanks the Committee members for their participation on the IRC over the past four years. He indicates multiple delegations were hosted on several occasions, most notably, the City of Windsor's 125 Birthday. He further adds discussion has taken place with potential new Twin Cities, and new relationships have been established with El Salvador and Las Vueltas.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:35 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR