

International Relations Committee

Meeting held October 20, 2021

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 2:00 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
Scott Despina
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma (arrives at 2:02 p.m.)
Steven Spagnuolo
L.T. Zhao (arrives at 2:02 p.m.)

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 2:00 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

Addition to the Agenda

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

5.5 City of Mannheim, Germany – Garden of Twin Cities

Carried.

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by W. Ma, seconded by M. Belenkova,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held June 30, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. Communications

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

- 5.1 E-mail from Yunnan Province, China request for twinning.
- 5.2 E-mail regarding City of Mannheim's Lord Mayor Peter Kurz receiving the World Mayor International Award.
- 5.3 E-mail regarding the ranking of 68 Polish cities where the City of Lublin received the blue ribbon in the Europolis report
- 54. Report of the Supervisor Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change regarding the International Urban & Regional Cooperation (IUC) – European Union North America and the e-mail from Stefanie Miller, International Affairs, City of Manheim regarding the IUC Program.
- 5.5 Press Release - City of Mannheim, Germany – Garden of Twin Cities

Carried.

D. Ableser suggests that the information provided by the City of Mannheim regarding the Garden of Twin Cities be forwarded to the City Hall Square Plaza & Civic Esplanade Steering Committee to determine if there is interest in a Sister Cities Garden as a concept idea.

S. Gebauer will forward this information to the members of the City Hall Square Plaza & Civic Esplanade Steering Committee.

4. New Business

S. Gebauer states that the Virtual Children’s Art Exhibition will be launched next week and notice will be provided to the IRC and the Twin Cities.

As it relates to the Twin City Post, James Chacko, Senior Manager of Parks has communicated with Adam Coates, Planner III, Senior Urban Designer – City Hall Square Civic Plaza & Esplanade Steering Committee and it has been determined that the post will be incorporated into the design although it may not remain in the same location. The installation of the post will begin in late fall and will be completed over the winter. Administration will work with the Committee to determine the date of the unveiling.

S. Gebauer provides an overview of the IRC 2021 operating budget.

4.1 International Relations Committee 2020 Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by S. Spagnuolo,
That the International Relations Committee 2020 Annual report **BE APPROVED.**
Carried.

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 2:07 o’clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR