

International Relations Committee – Meeting held March 27, 2018

A meeting of the **International Relations Committee** is held this day commencing at 4:00 o'clock p.m., there being present the following members:

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

Guest in attendance:

His Excellency Dr. Andrzej Kurnicki, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada

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 4:00 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" ***attached*** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

The Chair thanks His Excellency Dr. Andrzej Kurnicki, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada for attending the meeting of the International Relations Committee. Members of the Committee provide introductions to His Excellency.

The Chair provides background information relating to the twelve Twin City relationships, and their similarities to the City of Windsor. He adds there is a significant Polish community in the city.

In response to a question asked by Dr. Kurnicki regarding how the assets of the students are utilized, the Chair responds the University of Windsor and St. Clair College are shifting focus to the international students with more student exchanges occurring. In

fact, the number of international students at St. Clair College has increased from 1500 to 5000 in 2018.

Dr. Jain states Rotary International has a Youth Exchange Program.

N. Feghali indicates the Ministry of Ontario has a program for international high school students. She adds there is an opportunity for students (dependent upon academics and funding available from the province) to attend Massey High School for a semester.

2. Minutes

Moved by M. Belenkova, seconded by Dr. Jain,

The minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held November 8, 2017 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

3. Declarations of Conflict

Dr. Jain discloses an interest on Item 5.7 as he is the President of the Board of Directors for the South Asian Centre.

His Excellency Dr. Andrzej Kurnicki and J. Barycki leave the meeting at 4:25 o'clock p.m.

4. Business Items

4.1 Policy Relating to the Selection of Delegates to visit the Twin Cities

The Chair advises it is a decision of the IRC via a democratic majority vote that determines who will represent the IRC as a delegate. Ultimately, City Council has the final authority.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Borrelli, regarding the past practice of the Mayor choosing the delegates, the Chair responds the Mayor has the authority to choose the representatives if the invitation by a twin city is sent to him, however, the Mayor may choose to forward the invitation to the IRC.

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

That the update relating to the directive to determine the selection of members who will represent the IRC as a delegation upon receipt of an invitation to visit one or more of the Twin Cities **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

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

S. Gebauer reports she investigated several municipalities, i.e. Barrie, Burlington, Thunder Bay, etc. and it was determined there is no policy relating to the purchase of tickets for dinners/galas as requests of this nature are not received by the committees.

The Chair suggests the request for the purchase of tickets for dinners/galas be reviewed on a case by case basis with a limit of purchasing no more than two to four tickets for an event.

Moved by N. Feghali, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,

That the following directive relating to the purchase of tickets for dinners/galas **BE APPROVED:**

- That the purchase of tickets for dinners/galas received from ethnic groups in the community be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- That no more than two (2) to four (4) tickets be purchased for an event.

Carried.

4.3 Report of the Official Delegation to Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea

The Official Delegation visited Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea from February 8 to February 13, 2018 consisting of Mayor Drew Dilkens and IRC Committee Members Councillor Fred Francis, Chair, Jerry Barycki, Dr. Sushil Jan and L.T. Zhao.

An overview relating to the Fujisawa and Gunsan visit by the Official Delegation is as follows:

- The delegation met with Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki and Mr. Takayuki Masuda, Chair of the International Sister City Committee of Fujisawa, members of Fujisawa City Council and other Officials at City Hall. The delegation participated in a tree planting ceremony held at Fujisawa City Hall with the Mayor of Nagasaki commemorating the 30th anniversary conference of “National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities”.
- One of the highlights was a visit to the Misono Girl’s School in Fujisawa.
- From February 11-13, 2018, the delegation led by Mayor Dilkens was welcomed to Gunsan, South Korea by Mayor MOON Dong-Shin and other Officials from the City of Gunsan.

- The group had the opportunity to experience the Time Travel Village in the Modern Cultural Heritage Project District to learn more about the history and culture of Gunsan.
- A park in the reclaimed area known as the “Saemangeum Land for Children” included various facilities and public artworks, including a wall of art tiles, which included the images of the drawings from Windsor Children that were included in the Children’s Art Exchange Exhibition.
- In conclusion, the very short five day trip was especially successful and served to build upon the strong ties, which have been developed between the City of Windsor and the Cities of Fujisawa and Gunsan.
- During this visit, many discussions took place in relation to government procedures as well as economic and tourism opportunities. Further cultural and sport exchanges in addition to youth and educational exchanges between our citizens were also very important topics of discussion as these reciprocal interactions will contribute to a better understanding between the people of our countries and will result in increased future cooperation.

S. Gebauer reports \$20,000 was budgeted for the excursion, however, the total costs associated with the delegations’ trip to Fujisawa and Gunsan was \$6,100.

Moved by Dr. S. Jain, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the report of the Official Delegation to Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea
BE RECEIVED.
Carried.

A letter from Sister Shimizu Masumi, Misono Junior and Senior High School dated February 13, 2018 thanking the delegation for visiting the school, is **attached** as Appendix “A”.

5. Communications

5.1 Cities 2050 Conference – March 20, 2018 – Lublin, Poland

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Dr. S. Jain,
That the e-mail from Joanna Salapa, Department of Strategy and Investors Assistance regarding Cities 2050 Conference to be held March 20, 2018 in Lublin, Poland **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

5.2 The 7th China Changchun International Ceramics Symposium

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by N. Feghali,

That the Communication regarding the 7th China Changchun International Ceramics Symposium to be held in three phases from June 2018 to August 2018 **BE FORWARDED** to the Arts Council and other like minded groups.

Carried.

5.3 Letter from Councillor Francis to Mayor Moon Dong-shin, Gunsan, South Korea

5.4 Letter from Councillor Francis to Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki, City of Fujisawa

Moved by L. T. Zhao, seconded by M. Belenkova,

That the letters from Councillor Francis to Mayor Moon Dong-shin, Gunsan, South Korea and to Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki, City of Fujisawa expressing appreciation for the warm reception extended to the Official Delegation **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

5.5 Letter from Blake Roberts tendering his Resignation from the IRC

Moved by Dr. S. Jain, seconded by M. Belenkova,

That the letter from Blake Roberts tendering his resignation as a member of the International Relations Committee **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

5.6 Art Exchange Program

S. Gebauer indicates there are shipping costs associated with the Art Exchange Program in Gunsan, as the City of Windsor is required to return the children's art exhibitions to Gunsan. She suggests the invitation to participate in the Art Exchange Program be extended to the Twin Cities.

Moved by M. Belenkova, seconded by Dr. S. Jain

That an invitation to participate in the Art Exchange Program to be held in Gunsan, South Korea from October 26, 2018 to November 1, 2018 **BE EXTENDED** to the Twin Cities, and further, that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back with a framework for this initiative.

Carried.

5.7 South Asian Indian Gala Dinner – May 18, 2018

The Chair requests Dr. Jain leave the room during this discussion, as Dr. Jain is the President of the Board of Directors for the South Asian Centre.

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

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$300 for Mayor Dilkens and three members of the IRC to attend the 32nd South Asian Indian Gala Dinner to be held on May 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Caboto Club.

Carried.

Dr. S. Jain was not in the room when the vote was taken.

Councillor Borrelli, M. Belenkova and N. Feghali request to attend the South Asian Indian Gala Dinner to be held on May 18, 2018 at the Caboto Club.

5.8 Newspaper Article about Delegation's Visit

Moved by N. Feghali, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

That the e-mail from Hideomi Kawazoe, Fujisawa City Hall regarding the Newspaper Article about the delegation's visit **BE RECEIVED**.

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 5:00 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR