A meeting of the **International Relations Committee** is held this day commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 406, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair Wissam Aoun Bryan Bailey Jerry Barycki Maria Belenkova Dr. Sushil Jain

Donika McFarlane (arrives at 3:40 p.m.)

Blake Roberts

L. T. Zhao (arrives at 3:07 p.m.)

# Regrets received from:

Councillor Paul Borrelli Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk Councillor Bill Marra (meeting conflict) Natasha Feghali

## Also present are the following resource personnel:

Rob Barlozzari, Council Assistant Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

# 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:05 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 J. Barycki, seconded by M. Belenkova,

That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held May 14, 2015 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

# 3. <u>DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT</u>

None disclosed.

# 4. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

#### 4.1 Request for delegation from Guangxi, China to visit Canada in October 2015

R. Barlozzari states the request for a delegation from Quangxi, China to visit Windsor in October 2015 is not possible due to the logistics of the City of Windsor's Governance Process and the timing of the potential visit.

Moved by B. Roberts, seconded by J. Barycki,

That the request for a delegation from Guangxi, China to visit Canada in October 2015 **BE RECEIVED.** 

Carried.

# 4.2 E-mail from Hideomi Kawazoe regarding "Inquiries from Fujisawa"

R. Barlozzari states the information relating to the 2016 Shonan Fujisawa Citizens Marathon was disseminated to local running clubs; however, no responses have been received. The Chair requests the Council Assistant re-send this information to the local running clubs and to the University of Windsor and St. Clair College to determine interest in this event.

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

That the Council Assistant **BE DIRECTED** to disseminate information relating to 2016 Shonan Fujisawa Citizens Marathon to the local running clubs and to also include the University of Windsor and St. Clair College.

Carried.

In terms of the Nell Martin Roses, R. Barlozzari reports the roses inspected for export by the City's supplier will not meet Japanese certification verifying Phytophthora Ramorum is not present during growing season and therefore would be refused entry into Japan at the Narita Airport. It is not possible at this time to fulfill the request due to this importation policy in Japan.

#### 4.3 <u>Visit of the Mayor of Windsor to Lublin</u>

J. Barycki indicates the recent visit by Mayor Dilkens to Lublin was the first visit of a Mayor of the City of Windsor to Lublin. He notes Mayor Dilkens was extremely impressed with the infrastructure including Aliplast, a factory that manufactures aluminum moldings and doors and the Aqua Lublin, an Olympic-size pool with movable walls, a raised bottom and 2,100 seats for spectators.

Moved by Dr. Jain, seconded by B. Bailey,

That the verbal report by J. Barycki regarding the visit of Mayor Dilkens to Lublin, Poland **BE RECEIVED.** 

Carried.

#### 4.4 Bermuda Shorts Film Festival – Mannheim, Germany

R. Barlozzari states two films that were screened at the Windsor International Film Festival in November 2014, "Imaging Angels" and "To Fall from Love" will be included in the Bermuda Shorts Film Festival in Mannheim, Germany.

Moved by B. Bailey, seconded by M. Belenkova,

That the verbal update by the Council Assistant regarding the submission of two films from the City of Windsor for the Bermuda Shorts Film Festival to be held in Mannheim, Germany **BE RECEIVED.** 

Carried.

#### 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### 5.1 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner

J. Barycki reports in the past, the IRC has purchased 4 tickets for the Annual Polish Canadian Business Society Dinner (3 tickets for IRC members and 1 for the Mayor).

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

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$300 for the purchase of 4 tickets (1 ticket for Mayor Dilkens) for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner to be held on November 6, 2015 to be held at the Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Avenue.

Carried.

R. Barlozzari states the Deputy Mayor Krzysztof Komorski and two delegates from Lublin, Poland will be visiting the City of Windsor on November 6-7, 2015. He indicates a formal 15th Anniversary Dinner will be held possibly at the Hiram Walker Brand Centre.

It is generally agreed an e-mail poll will be conducted for the members outlining the costs and logistics of the Lublin November 6-7, 2015 visit.

#### 5.2 Mayor Moon, Gunsan, South Korea to visit Windsor on November 4, 2015

R. Barlozzari advises the visit by Mayor Moon on November 6, 2015 coincides with the visit by the delegation from Lublin, Poland and the Polish Dinner to be held on November 6,

2015. He adds the South Korea delegation has proposed an alternate date of November 4, 2015 whereby they would arrive in Windsor on November 4, 2015, then depart on November 5, 2015.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

That the visit to the City of Windsor by Mayor Moon, Gunsan, South Korea and the ten delegates from November 4-5, 2015 **BE APPROVED.** 

Carried.

R. Barlozzari reports the approximate cost for a delegation of 11 members from South Korea is approximately \$5,000 which includes 6 hotel rooms, a dinner, and an official gift for their 10 year anniversary.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Marra,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$5,000 for the costs associated with the South Korean delegation visiting the City of Windsor on November 4, 2015.

Carried.

R. Barlozzari notes there may be incidental costs with mounting 25 photographs that will be sent from Gunsan.

# 5.3 2016 IRC Operating Budget

The Chair provides an overview of the letter sent from the CAO dated July 29, 2015 to the IRC regarding the 2016 IRC Operating Budget. He notes the year 2017 will mark the 125th Birthday of the City of Windsor, and adds delegations from the Twin Cities may attend the City's celebrations.

R. Barlozzari distributes the document entitled "Twin Cities with The Corporation of the City of Windsor (Chronological Order), *attached* as Appendix "A".

The Chair suggests the current 2015 operating budget of the IRC be "carried forward" as the 2016 budget and to not request the annual \$15,000 operating budget.

B. Roberts proposes the commencement of the planning for the 2017 City of Windsor Birthday celebration

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

That the carry forward of the one-time surplus of the 2015 International Relations Committee Operating Budget in the amount of \$60,134 to 2016 **BE APPROVED**, and further, that the annual budget of \$15,000 **BE MAINTAINED** in 2016.

Carried.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

An e-mail regarding the Windsor-Saltillo twin cities meeting dated September 16, 2015 is distributed and *attached* as Appendix "B".

R. Barlozzari indicates that regrettably, several attempts were made to reach out to Saltillo, Mexico in past years which garnered no response. He suggests the possibility of sending a "Mayor to Mayor" letter in order to begin the process of restoring the relationship to prior levels.

# 7. <u>CONFIRM AND RATIFY E-MAIL POLL</u>

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

That the expenditure in the upset amount of \$493 for costs associated with the visit of the Fujisawa, Japan Misono Students visit on Thursday, July 30, 2015 conducted by e-mail poll **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED.** 

Carried.

# 8. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>

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

# 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:37 o'clock p.m.

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