

AGENDA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

meeting held Wednesday, May 21, 2025

at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

Room 522a, 350 City Hall Square West

1. Call to Order

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie. The City of Windsor honours all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land

2. Declaration of Conflict

3. Minutes

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held January 30, 2025 – ***attached***

4. Business Items

4.1 Delegation to Lublin, Poland and Mannheim, Germany – July 24-27, 2025

Letter from Mayor Dilkens to the Mayor of Lublin – ***attached***

CR 124/2025 - ***attached***

4.2 China Delegation – verbal update

4.3 Children's Art Exhibition - Verbal Update

4.4 Arlington, Texas – Verbal Update

4.5 Fujisawa Misono Jogaquin High School - Annual City Hall Visit on Friday July 25, 2025

4.6 Udine Italy – verbal update

5. Communications

5.1 Changchun, China Ceramics Symposium – ***attached***

5.2 Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival - ***attached***

5.3 Polish Heritage Month - ***attached***

5.4 Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Windsor – ***attached***

5.5 28th Annual Polish-Canadian Business Dinner - ***attached***

5.6 Letter from the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor to Mayor Zuk - ***attached***

5.7 30th Anniversary of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor and 25th Anniversary of the twinning of Windsor and Lublin – Pictorial Report - ***attached***

6. New Business

7. Date of Next Meeting

8. Adjournment

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting held January 30, 2025

A hybrid meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 522a, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Angelo Marignani, Chair
Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Councillor Fred Francis (via Zoom)
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Lubna Barakat (via Zoom)
Jerry Barycki (via Zoom)
Ronnie Haidar
L.T. Zhao (via Zoom)

Absent from the meeting:

Saiful Bhuiyan
William Ma

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 3:33 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ed Sleiman, seconded by Jerry Barycki,
That the minutes of the meeting of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held December 11, 2024 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Request from Changchun, China for a delegation to visit the City of Windsor in early March 2025

Sandra Gebauer reports that a request was received from Changchun for a delegation to come to the City of Windsor in early March 2025. She advises that the Changchun delegation is interested in meeting the Mayor, the members of the IRC and to explore potential cooperation in the fields of culture, tourism, automobiles, education, economy and trade as well as science and technology. She adds that they are keen in establishing a sister school relationship between Changchun and one of Windsor's high schools. In response to a question asked by Councillor Ed Sleiman regarding the last time a delegation visited the City of Windsor, Sandra Gebauer responds that a delegation came in 2017.

Moved by L.T. Zhao, seconded by Lubna Barakat,

That the Mayor **BE AUTHORIZED** to send a letter of invitation to the Mayor of Changchun; and,

That due to time restraints, that this request **CIRCUMVENT** the Development and Heritage Standing Committee and proceed directly to City Council for approval; and,

That an expenditure in the upset amount of \$10,000 **BE APPROVED** to host this delegation for three days in March 2025, and further,

That the visiting delegation from Changchun, China will include the following:

- Li Liquan, Deputy Director-general of Working Committee for Organizations Directly under the CPC Changchun Municipal Committee
- Li Jiwei, Level III Division Rank Official of the Foreign Affairs Office of Changchun Municipal People's Government
- Wang Zhongxue, Vice Principal of Changchun No. 11 High School

Carried.

4.2 Letter from Mayor Zuk, Lublin, Poland regarding a delegation to Lublin in June 2025 and a visit to Windsor in November 2025

Sandra Gebauer states that Mayor Zuk is requesting that the Mayor and two representatives from Windsor visit Lublin, Poland in June 2025. She adds that the IRC would be required to pay the cost for the flights and for a gift exchange.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the invitation from Mayor Zuk to Mayor Dilkens for a delegation to visit Lublin, Poland in June 2025 along with two (2) representatives from Windsor **BE ACCEPTED**; and
That due to time restraints, that this request **CIRCUMVENT** the Development and Heritage Standing Committee and proceed directly to City Council for approval; and
That an expenditure in the upset amount of \$10,000 to cover the flights, gift exchange and any other incidentals **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That the Mayor **BE AUTHORIZED** to send a letter of invitation to the Mayor of Lublin, Poland for a delegation of two (2) to visit the City of Windsor in November 2025; and,
That this request **BE FORWARDED** to the Development and Heritage Standing Committee and City Council for approval; and further,
That an expenditure in the upset amount of \$10,000 to host the delegation for three days **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

4.3 IRC Mandate and Terms of Reference

The Chair remarks that the current IRC Mandate and Terms of Reference outlines the purpose of the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Renaldo Agostino,
That the current IRC Mandate and Terms of Reference dated May 2015 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

4.4. Twin City/Friendship Policy and Mandate

Moved by Councillor Ed Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Renaldo Agostino,
That the Twin City/Friendship Policy and Mandate **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5. Communications

5.1 Information on Glowing Bike Path in Poland

Jerry Barycki states that the glowing bike path in Poland is unique and innovative. It is noted that the use of LED lamps, solar panels and “light-accumulating paint” does not require any alternative power sources.

The Chair suggests that when the delegation from Windsor visits Poland, that additional information regarding products used and the cost of the glowing bike path can be researched and brought back.

Moved by L.T. Zhao, seconded by Councillor Fred Francis,
That the information provided on the glowing bath path in Poland **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5.2 Twin Cities and Date of Twinning

Ronnie Haidar notes that in 2025, three of Windsor’s Sister Cities will be celebrating milestone anniversaries – Mannheim Germany, Lublin, Poland and Gunsan, South Korea. He asks if some type of event will be planned. Sandra Gebauer responds that there was discussion previously regarding a celebration relating to the opening of the Gordie Howe Bridge in September 2025.

In response to a question asked by the Chair regarding if there a protocol where a gift or letter to commemorate this significant milestone is provided, Sandra Gebauer that the Mayor’s Office can send a letter acknowledging the milestone.

Jerry Barycki suggests inviting a delegation from Gunsan, South Korea and Mannheim, Germany to the City of Windsor. Councillor Fred Francis concurs and proposes that communication be sent to Mannheim, Germany via the Mayor’s Office inviting a delegation to come to Windsor in the summer 2025 to commemorate the milestone Twinning anniversary. He adds that the opening of the Gordie Howe Bridge is not a municipal event and may not allow for participation.

Councillor Fred Francis advises that the delegation in Lublin, Poland could also visit Mannheim, Germany during this trip to commemorate the anniversary with Mannheim.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Jerry Barycki,

That the Mayor’s Office **BE REQUESTED** to send letters inviting a delegation of two to four people from Mannheim, Germany and Gunsan, South Korea to the City of Windsor in the summer of 2025 to commemorate the anniversaries of our twinning; and

That a letter be sent to Mannheim, Germany asking for a delegation from Windsor led by Mayor Dilkens to visit Mannheim to commemorate the milestone anniversary and further, that this visit to Mannheim be scheduled in conjunction with the visit to Lublin, Poland in June 2025.

Carried.

6. Updates by Sandra Gebauer

6.1 Communication with the Windsor-Essex Chamber of Commerce regarding the City of Changchun's request.

Aa requested by the Committee members at the December 11, 2024 meeting, Sandra Gebauer reports that she contacted Tony Haddad, Interim CEO of the Windsor-Essex Chamber of Commerce regarding the 2022 initiative with Windsor's Twin Cities as well as Changchun's request for collaboration. Mr. Haddad confirmed that they are open to collaborating with Changchun. The introduction will be made online by Sandra Gebauer, however, as it relates to collaboration with all of Windsor's Twin Cities, he suggested the decision be left to the incoming President and CEO Ryan Donally.

Moved by Councillor Ed Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Fred Francis,
That the update by Sandra Gebauer regarding the City of Changchun's request to collaborate with the Windsor-Essex Chamber of Commerce **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

6.2 2025 Children's Art Exhibition

Sandra Gebauer states that she has tentatively reached out to Devonshire Mall to determine the availability for 2025 and asks if the IRC is interested in participating in the 2025 Children's Art Exhibition.

Lubna Barakat asks if it would be feasible to have a virtual presentation, i.e. slide show of the children's artwork at the entrance to the Art Gallery of Windsor. Sandra Gebauer responds that she will reach out to the Art Gallery to determine if this is feasible and suggests displaying the physical boards with the art for a week. Ronnie Haidar offers the University of Windsor as another venue to display the children's art.

Moved by Ronnie Haidar, seconded by Lubna Baraket,

That the 2025 Children's Art Exhibition **BE HELD** at Devonshire Mall as in past years; and
That Administration determine if the Windsor Art Gallery is interested in hosting the Children's Art Exhibition for 2025, and further to coordinate with the University of Windsor through Committee member Ronnie Haidar to host the 2025 Children's Art.

Carried.

Jerry Barycki refers to Polish Heritage Month and requests a flag raising be held to commemorate this event. Sandra Gebauer responds that the City has currently discontinued flag raisings.

7. New Business

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in May 2025.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:29 o'clock p.m.



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

April 14, 2025

Mr Krzysztof Żuk
Mayor of the City of Lublin, Poland
Plac Króla Władysława Łokietka 1
20-109
Lublin, Poland

Dear Mayor Krzysztof Żuk,

I am pleased to write to you once again, with warm greetings on behalf of the City of Windsor. It is always a pleasure to know that we will continue to work together and deepen the collaboration between our cities. I continue to admire your vision for a thriving Lublin, which serves as an inspiration for others and positively impacts your community's economy and quality of life. I look forward to continued progress, significant achievements, and prosperity for both our cities in the years ahead.

We are excited about the prospect of a delegation from the City of Windsor visiting Lublin in July 2025 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our twinning agreement, and to attend the scientific conference in collaboration with Maria Curie-Skłodowska University. The suggested dates of July 24-27, 2025, have strong potential, and I look forward to this opportunity to connect and share in the celebration of our long-standing friendship and partnership. This visit would be the latest in a long line of opportunities to connect our two cities, and to nurture our bond. During the visit, we would appreciate the opportunity to arrange meetings with City officials, explore Lublin's newest investments – including the Metropolitan Bus Station – and engage in meaningful discussions about our joint efforts in supporting Ukrainian refugees, such as through the Baobab Integration Centre. We would also be interested in meeting with members of Lublin's vibrant local business community during our time with you.

Please let us know if the proposed dates are suitable for you to receive a delegation from Windsor, so that we can proceed with the necessary arrangements. We truly value our continued partnership and are eager to further strengthen our ties through this visit.

Sincerely,



Drew Dilkens

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**City Council
Decision
Monday, April 14, 2025**

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Fabio Costante

Decision Number: CR124/2025 DHSC 710

That Report No. 57 of the International Relations Committee indicating:

That the Mayor's Office BE REQUESTED to send letters inviting a delegation of two to four people from Mannheim, Germany and Gunsan, South Korea to the City of Windsor in the summer of 2025 to commemorate the anniversaries of our twinning; and,

That a letter BE SENT to Mannheim, Germany asking for a delegation from Windsor led by Mayor Dilkens to visit Mannheim to commemorate the milestone anniversary and further, that this visit to Mannheim be scheduled in conjunction with the visit to Lublin, Poland in June 2025.

BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 52/2025

Clerk's File: APR2025 8.7

Anna Ciacelli

Deputy City Clerk

May 14, 2025

Department Distribution

Karen Kadour	Committee Coordinator
Sandra Gebauer	Council Assistant
Christopher Menard	Chief of Staff

The 12th China Changchun International Ceramics Symposium and 2025 Lianhua Mountain Ceramics Camp

Call for Entries

Distinguished artists,

Changchun International Ceramics Gallery, as a member of the International Academy of Ceramics (IAC), has held ten international ceramic symposiums since 2011 with attention and participation of artists from all over the world. So far, more than 350 ceramists from 65 countries have registered to participate in the symposiums and created more than 1200 ceramic works with distinctive themes, outstanding characters, and diverse techniques and styles. This has highlighted that China Changchun International Ceramics Symposium is internationally inclusive and diverse, and domestically influential.

Through various channels, we have learned that you have been engaged in the creation of ceramics for many years and have developed your unique style and that your works are widely loved. In addition, you are academically successful. Therefore, we would like to invite you to participate in the 12th Changchun China International Ceramics Symposium and 2025 Lianhua Mountain Ceramics Camp in August this year.

We would be honored if you could accept this invitation. We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact: Yao Dan

Email: CCCICG@vip.163.com

Attached: *Instructions*

Changchun International Ceramics Gallery

December 30th, 2024

The 12th China Changchun International Ceramics Symposium and 2025 Lianhua Mountain Ceramics Camp

Instructions

1. Duration: 5th August to 25th August 2025(21 days in total)
2. Location: Changchun Lianhua Mountain Ecological Tourism Resort
3. Theme: Classics, Uniqueness, Fusion
4. Requirements: Each participant is supposed to complete 3 works, among which 2 works may be brought and the rest should be created on site.
5. Work size: Each work should be no smaller than 70cm (length + width + height).
6. Your round-trip transportation costs will be borne by Ceramics Symposium Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the organizer).
7. The cost of your food, accommodation and urban transportation during your stay in Changchun will be borne the organizer.
8. For the participant who completes the creation of works, the organizer will pay creation fees of RMB 7000 to each person.
9. The ownership of your three works for symposium shall be vested in the organizer. The organizer will issue a collection certificate to you.
10. If you are interested in entering the symposium, please write back before 14th May,2025 and send photos of your works (with detailed dimensions) and personal details to the organiser (Email:CCCICG@vip.163.com).
11. With the approval of jury committee, a formal invitation letter will be sent to shortlisted ceramists after 30th June.
12. The organizer will provide clay, color, glaze, tools, instruments, equipment (kilns), etc. For special tools or raw materials, please prepare them by yourself.
13. Other relevant information or details will be listed in detail in the official invitation letter.
14. If you have any unanswered questions or queries, please raise them in your reply.

The 12th China Changchun International Ceramics Symposium and 2025 Lianhua Mountain Ceramics Camp

Registration Form

Name		Gender				Photo
Date of Birth	(DD/MM/YY)	Nationality				
Mobile phone		Tel.		Fax		
Occupation		E-Mail				
Website						
Detailed mailing address:						
Resume and main achievements (around 300 words):						
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<p>Besides fulfilling this registration form with specified details, please be sure to attach JPEG format photo of each proposal.</p>						

Gebauer, Sandra

From: gemstones@korea.kr on behalf of Hyeyoung Choe <gemstones@korea.kr>
Sent: May 8, 2025 5:08 AM
To: Gebauer, Sandra
Subject: Deadlines for submitting applications and materials for the Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival 2025
Attachments: Application for Participation Gunsan Brews and Blues Festival 2025.docx

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Ms Sandra Gebauer,

There is an addition to the invitation news.

Please note that breweries must submit their application form by **13 May 2025** at the latest.

The import process takes time, so if there are companies that are ready to sell their craft beer, they need to apply as soon as possible.

Once the application is submitted, the import agency in Gunsan City will contact the company to expedite the craft beer import process.

Approximately 500 to 1,000 bottles will be purchased by the agency to be sold at the Gunsan Brew & Blues Festival 2025.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and two companies from Windsor will be accepted for the craft beer festival.

Please forward this news to brewing companies in City of Windsor.

There will also be a booth at the festival to promote our sister city relationship.

A professional design team is ready to create the booth design and will create the booth for the City of Windsor.

If you would like to send emblems and images in digital format to decorate the stand, please send them by **23 May 2025**.

Please send any brochures or leaflets promoting the City of Windsor to be placed in the stand by **18 June 2025**.

All materials promoting your city must be received no later than **18 June 2025**.

Recipient : Mr Seon-woo Lee

C.P. : +82-10-5437-8696

Office : +82-63-454-5252

Address : 32 Unhoe-gil, Gaejeong-myeon, Gunsan-si, Jeonbuk-do, Republic of Korea

Postal code : 54065

Please also find the links to the official videos of Gunsan City.

<https://youtu.be/Bas2YmL2yPI?si=AZtpXkS1IjJLXTet>

<https://youtube.com/shorts/lqF6lhYHf0s?si=9aO0P2j2dqkLZ6Dq>

I hope they will help you understand the festive spirit of the event.

I greatly appreciate your help and hope to hear from you soon.

Regards,

Choe, Hyeyoung (Ms.)

Manager

International Cooperation Section, Public Relations and Cooperation Division

Gunsan City, ROK

Address: 17 Sicheong-ro, Gunsan-si, Jeonbuk-do 54078 Republic of Korea

Tel. +82-63-454-2625 Mob. +82-10-2204-1015



※ APPENDIX

Information for Craft Beer Brewers

Participating in the Gunsan Brews and Blues Festival 2025

1. Operation of Promotional Booths for Businesses

- The event agency will import a fixed quantity (approximately 500 to 1000 bottles) in bulk and conduct sales and tasting events at the venue.
- The participating businesses must ensure that their products arrive at the designated time and local venue specified by the Gunsan Municipal Government (or the importing agency), and must provide the necessary documents for product transportation and import (up to 4 products for sale and no limitations on products to exhibit)
- The participating businesses can operate the exhibition and promotional booth even without the participation of their own staff.

2. Support for the Participating Businesses

- Provision of the necessary items for the promotional booth and exhibition (printed promotional materials, sales counters, refrigerators, etc., and one sales staff member)

※ Materials to exhibit and information must be provided by the business



Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival 2025 June 20 (Fri) - June 22 (Sun)

■ Application for Participation

Business Name		Representative			
Year of Establishment		Website			
Address					
Contact Person	Name:	Position:			
	Telephone:	Mobile Phone:			
	Fax:	Email:			
Participant(s) (Position/Name)	①		②		
	③		④		
Participating Product(s)	Product Name				
	Packaging Type				
	Volume				
	Supply Price				
Other Requirements					

I hereby apply to participate in the “Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival 2025” under the conditions stated in the Appendix.

Date/Month/Year :

Name of Representative :

(Signature)



Windsor, Ontario – May 2025

PROGRAMME – 17.03.2025 Draft (12)

Saturday, May 3rd

- 10:30 Thanksgiving Mass for Mary's protection over our homeland and the May 3rd Constitution.
Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON.
- 14:00 – 19:00 Polonia Table Tennis Tournament.
Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave, Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polonia Sports Club, contact: Pawel Bochus
pbochus@yahoo.ca

Sunday, May 4th

- NOON? Ceremonial raising of the Polish flag at the front of the Holy Trinity Church.
Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON.
Contact: Mariusz Zalewski mzalewski4@cogeco.ca
- 12:30 Holy Mass with Intention for the Homeland, followed by Artistic Program by the Polish School.
Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON.
- 13:30 Wreath-laying ceremony by Polish organizations in front of the plaque commemorating Polish soldiers on the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON.
Organized by: **TBD** Contact: **TBD**

Thursday, May 8th – Tuesday, May 14th

- 11:30 Members of Federal Parliament of Polish Heritage display. Leddy Library, University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Ave, Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polish-Canadian Students' Association of Windsor, contact: Suzie Sawicki sawickis@uwindsor.ca

Friday, May 9th – Saturday, May 17th

Prayer Novena for the Intercession of St. John Paul II, weekdays at 18:50, Saturday at 7:50, and Sunday at 10:20 and 12:20. Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON.

Friday, May 9th – Tuesday, May 20th

- 13:00 Polish Heritage Treasures featuring: exhibit *The Odyssey of Wawel's Treasures 1939-1961*, a copy of Copernicus's famous book *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (published in 1543), and a copy of the May 3rd, 1791 Polish Constitution. Chimczuk Museum, 401 Riverside Drive West, Windsor, ON. Admission is reduced, and it is free on May 17th. Organized by the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, contact: Jerry Barycki jerrybarycki@gmail.com and the Polish-Canadian Students' Association of Windsor, contact: Suzie Sawicki sawickis@uwindsor.ca

Saturday, May 10th

- 7:00 – 15:00 Polonia Fishing Tournament.
Alexander Park, 3445 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polonia Fishing Club, contact: Pawel Bochus pbochus@yahoo.ca

Sunday, May 11th

13:00 - 16:00 Mother's Day Lunch. Tickets \$35 (adults) and \$15 (children 5-12 years old). Artistic Performances by **TBD**
Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave. Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polish Peoples' Home Association, contact:
Dorota Zalewska mzalewski4@coqeco.ca

Saturday, May 17th

7:00 – 21:00 Election of the President of the Republic of Poland (first round)
Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave. Windsor, ON. Organized by the Consulate General of the Republic of
Poland in Toronto, contact: **TBD**

Sunday, May 18th

12:30 Thanksgiving Mass for the ministry and apostolic work of St. John Paul II on the 105th anniversary of his birth.
Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON.

Tuesday, May 20th – available until Tuesday, May 27th

11:00 Opening of the *Windsor – Lublin 25th Anniversary Celebration* display.
City Hall, 350 City Hall Square W., Windsor, ON. Organized by the Polish-Canadian Business and
Professional Association of Windsor, contact: Jerry Barycki jerrybarycki@gmail.com

Thursday, May 29th

18:00 Film screening "Wilczur", tickets: \$ **TBD** (+ tax) per person
Lakeshore Cinema, 164 Commercial Blvd, Tecumseh, ON. Organized by the WhatsUpWindsor – Polish
Radio, contact: Malgorzata Holec poloniamediawindsor@gmail.com

Saturday, May 31st

7:00 – 21:00 Election of the President of the Republic of Poland (second round)
Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave. Windsor, ON. Organized by the Consulate General of the Republic of
Poland in Toronto, contact: **TBD**

13:00 Celebration of the Polish Heritage in Windsor – Luncheon, by invitation only.
Dom Polski Hall, Lower Level, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by Polonia Centre (Windsor)
Inc., contact: Barbara Koczwarra bskoczwarra@outlook.com and Maria Kulesza mrkulesza@hotmail.com

Everyone is invited to visit any Windsor Public Library branch throughout the city of Windsor to view exhibitions of Polish book
collections. Organized by Polish Scouting Association (Windsor), contact: druzyna.harcerek.windsor@zhp.ca **TBD**
Free admission to all events except as indicated for the sale of tickets

Please join us in celebrating Polish Heritage Month by displaying Polish flags on your homes throughout the entire month of May

Thank you to our Sponsors and Organizers (verify)



Coordinators: Ewa Barycka (CPC-W, Chair), Stanislaw Beben (CPC-W), Barbara Koczwarra (PC), Anna Wojtal (SPDL), Malgorzata Holec (WhatsUpWindsor) and
Jerry Barycki (PCBPAW).

Official Opening of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Windsor, March 13, 2025, with the presence of H.E. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada.

On Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 3:00 PM, the ceremonial inauguration of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland took place in the Windsor City Council Chamber. The ceremony was chaired by His Excellency Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of the newly opened consulate in strengthening Polish-Canadian relations and expressed appreciation for the activity and unity of the Polish community.

During the event, it was announced that Jerry Barycki had been appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Canada for the region that includes Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham, and London.



The Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland Windsor-Sarnia-Chatham-London

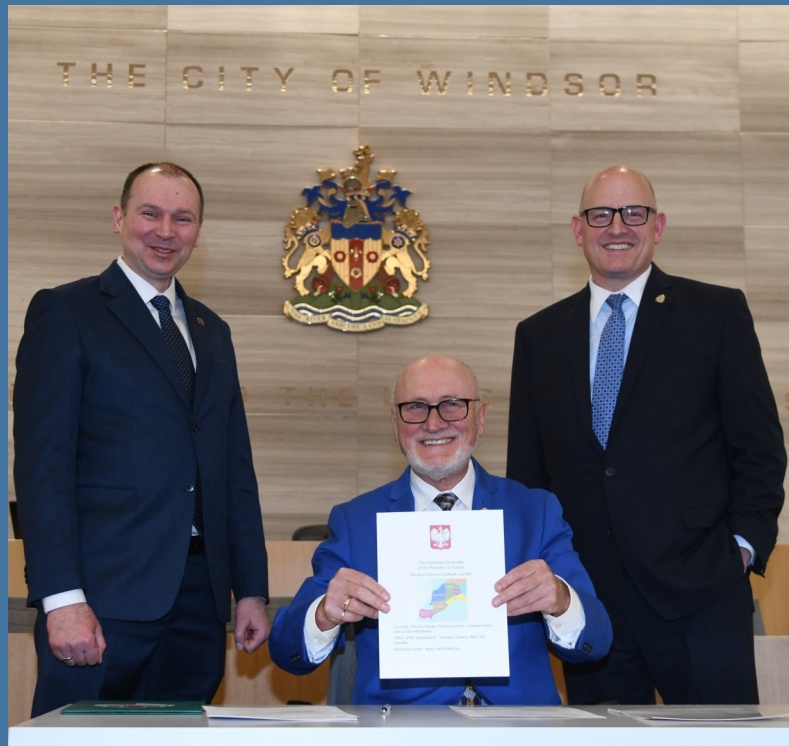


Counties: Windsor-Essex, Sarnia-Lambton, Chatham-Kent
and London-Middlesex

Office: 2050 Willistead Cr., Windsor, Ontario, N8Y 1K5,
Canada

Honorary Consul: Jerzy (Jerry) Barycki

The event was also attended by His Worship Drew Dilken, Mayor of Windsor, who stated: *“As soon as I learned that Windsor would have an Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, I didn’t even hesitate for a nanosecond about who should be the honorary consul. Without a doubt – Jerry Barycki – a pillar of the Polish community and a long-time activist, deserving and dedicated to the community.”*



H.E. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, His Worship Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.



Group picture, from the left: Malgorzata Holec, Ania Barycka, Ed Sleiman, Councillor of the City of Windsor, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, His Worship Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Victor Wolanski, Ewa Barycka, Joanna Jurewicz, Consul, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Canada.

The second part of the event took place at the Polish Club of Windsor – a historic building that has been the heart of Polishness in Windsor for over 100 years. Many guests attended the gathering, including representatives of the Polish community from Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham, and London, leaders of Polish organizations, clergy, Polish media, and local activists.



Ambassador Witold Dzielski presents Mr. Jerry Barycki as the new Honorary Consul in Windsor to the Polish community in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Seated on the left is Ewa Barycka, President of the Canadian-Polish Congress, Windsor Branch.



Consul Jerry Barycki presents the book "The Contribution of the Polish Community of Windsor, 1931-2023" on the activities of the Polish community in Ontario and Canada to Ambassador Witold Dzielski and Hanna Piasecka, President of the Polish People's Home Association.



Special guests: Jan and Krystyna Stalmach from Sarnia and Ed Lidzbarski from London.



Ambassador Witold Dzielski's presentation.

Member of Parliament Irek Kuśmierczyk was also present and in his speech, he emphasized: *“The Polish community in Windsor is deeply engaged in building Polish-Canadian ties. The opening of the Honorary Consulate is another step in strengthening these diplomatic, cultural, and social relations.”*

This exceptional event has been recorded in the history of the Canadian-Polish community as a symbol of recognition, unity, and hope for the future.



Congratulations to Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul in Windsor, Ontario, Canada from Irek Kuśmierczyk, M.P. Windsor-Tecumseh.

H.E. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and Irek Kuśmierczyk, M.P. Windsor-Tecumseh.



Participants, seated, from the left: Joanna Jurewicz, Sr. Teresa Sroka, Małgorzata Holec, Suzie Sawicki, Maria Zalewski, Jerry Barycki, Hanna Piasecka, Anna Wojtal, Krystyna Stalmach, and Barbara Koczwar. Standing, from the left: Ewa Barycka, Zbigniew Kruba, Ania Barycka, Zbigniew Kowalczykowski, Romi Jaszczynski, Victor Wolański, Dorota Zalewska, Mariusz Zalewski, Sr. Maria Lange, Witold Dzielski, Halina Piątkiewicz, Ed Lidzbarski, Danuta Pogorzelska, Irek Kuśmierczyk, Maria Kulesza, Stanisław Bęben, Paweł Bochus, and Jan Stalmach.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY



OF THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR



AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TWINNING OF
THE CITY OF WINDSOR WITH THE CITY OF LUBLIN, POLAND



INVITATION

to the 28th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner

Krzysztof Żuk

Mayor of Lublin, Poland - Keynote Speaker



You are cordially invited to attend the 28th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2025, at the Giovanni Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

More detailed information will be provided before the event.



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Windsor, Ontario, Canada January 29, 2025.

Mr. Krzysztof Żuk
Mayor of the City of Lublin

Re: Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Lublin-Windsor Partnership and the 30th Anniversary of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor

Thank you for your congratulatory letter, dated December 17, 2024, regarding my re-election as President of the PCBPAW for the 2024-2026 term. As the initiator and coordinator of the Lublin-Windsor partnership, this allows me to highlight our achievements to date and to develop plans for future activities.

Thank you for confirming your visit to Windsor on November 14, 2025 (letter to Mayor Drew Dilkins, October 7, 2024), and participation in the Jubilee Polish-Canadian Business Meeting to celebrate our Organization's 30th anniversary. Enclosed is a preliminary flyer specifying the meeting date, and some information about our past activities.

Additionally, to make the most of this transatlantic trip, we will attempt to arrange additional business meetings in Toronto on November 17-18, 2025. For this matter, we will be in contact with Ms. Sabina Klimek, Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland for Economic Affairs, at the Consulate General in Toronto.

The logistics of these activities will be coordinated with Mr. Krzysztof Stanowski, Director of the International Cooperation Centre. If there are any questions, please contact Jerzy Barycki by email at jerrybarycki@gmail.com or by phone at 519-980-4174 (no voicemail).

Sincerely,

Jerry Barycki, President

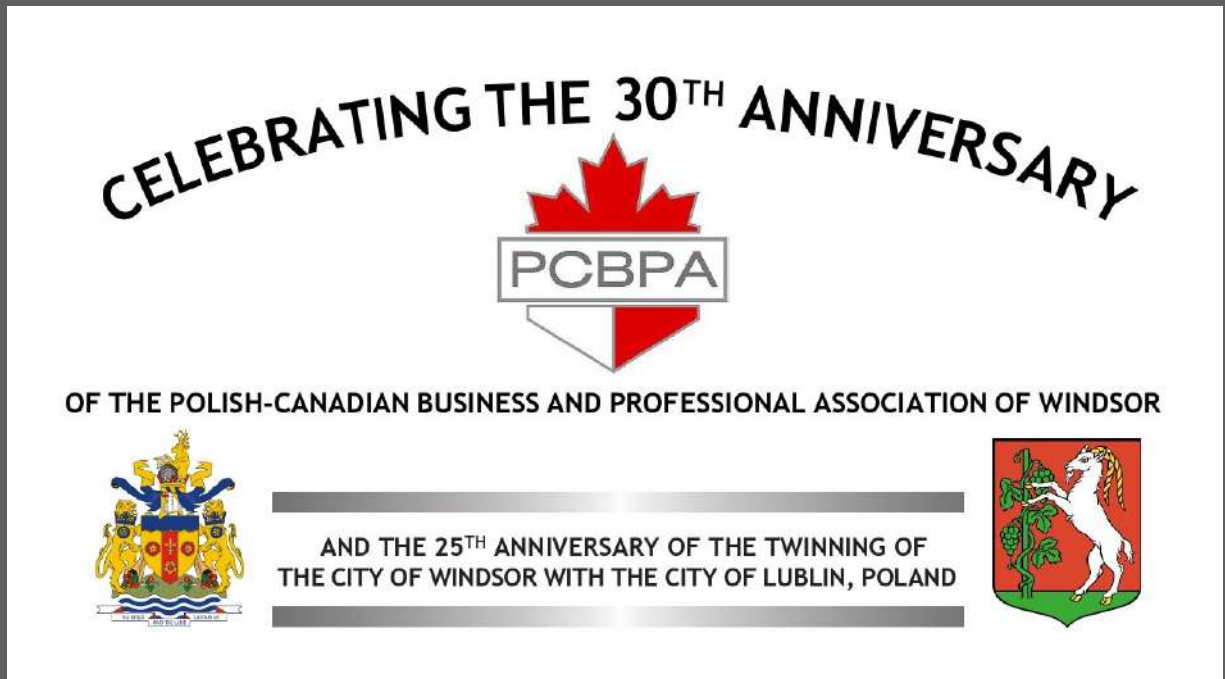
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Drew Dilkins, Mayor of Windsor, Angelo Marignani, Chair, IRC, Sandra Gebauer

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Sabina Kilimek, Vice Consul RP for Economic Affairs, Consulate General RP in Toronto

Krzysztof Stanowski, Director, International Cooperation Centre, City of Lublin, Iwo Weremko, Head of the Division for protocol and official visits, City of Lublin



**These pictorial reports highlight the main events of the PCBPAW:
Part 1 (1995–2020) and Part 2 (2021–2025)**



L: June Cox, Helena Pietraszkiewicz, Mike Hurst and Andrzej Pruszkowski signed the partnership agreement in Windsor, Canada, 2000.



The unveiling of a drinking-water fountain, a gift from Lublin, by Adam Wasilewski (L) and Eddie Francis (R) in Windsor, Canada, 2008.



The Windsor-Essex Trade Mission to Poland with H.E. Leslie Scanlon, the Ambassador of Canada to Poland (Centre), at the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw, Poland, 2019.

Part 1: This pictorial report highlights the main events of the PCBPAW (1995–2020), including the Windsor-Lublin partnership (2000–2020, featured on page 39). Please use the QR code below or the following link to view the complete 96-page document:

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CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY PCBPA

OF THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR



AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TWINNING OF THE
CITY OF WINDSOR WITH THE
CITY OF LUBLIN, POLAND



A PICTORIAL SUMMARY - 1995-2020



Part 2: This pictorial report highlights the main events of the PCBPAAW (2021-2025), including the Windsor-Lublin partnership.

2021- 25th Annual Business Dinner Cancelled: The celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the PCBPAAW and the 20th Anniversary of the Windsor-Lublin partnership was featured in the Windsor Star newspaper virtually, owing to COVID-19 restrictions.

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AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TWINNING OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR WITH THE CITY OF LUBLIN, POLAND



Participants of 22nd Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner, Dan Polak Hall, November 24, 2017. COURTESY OF BOGUSLAWA PHOTOGRAPHY

Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor

BY KAREN PATON EVANS
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Representing "one of the most engaged business and cultural groups in our community," the approximately 15,000 people of Polish origin living in Windsor-Essex County are comprised of "teachers, individuals, businesses and organizations all committed to making this city an amazing place," observes Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens.

"They do this through investments, donations and support to business and neighbourhood development. They do it through celebrations, exhibitions, and the honouring and sharing of their traditions and culture to add to our city's diversity and inclusivity," Dilkens says.

Many belong to or have been encouraged by the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor (PCBPAAW), celebrating its 25th anniversary this November.

ANNUAL POLISH-CANADIAN SOCIETY BUSINESS DINNERS
PCBPAAW began by bringing people together around the dining table. "Our association has organized 24 successful annual business dinners and VIP receptions that have served as a platform to connect businesses, professionals, politicians, community groups and young people. We are glad that local Canadian business and professional guests keep coming back to our event, reinforcing the long-term common bonds that we have forged," says president Jerry Barycki.

More than ideas are exchanged. PCBPAAW demonstrates support and encouragement of one another in tangible ways. "Among the many practical things we have done is promoting the opening of the popular European Market, now located at 6415 Tecumseh Rd. E, and sponsoring a meeting between Members of Parliament and several Polish-Canadian business owners to discuss skilled labour

shortages," Barycki says. "We are always available as a resource to help businesses succeed."

COVID-19 has postponed one very special event this year: the double celebration of PCBPAAW's 25th anniversary and the Windsor-Lublin partnership's 20th anniversary. It is scheduled for Nov. 19, 2021 at the Glenora Club. "We invite everyone interested in our activities to all out," says Barycki. "By working together, we are enriching our Windsor community, and contributing to initiatives across Canada and even on the other side of the ocean in Poland."

WINDSOR-LUBLIN, TWIN CITIES FOR 20 YEARS

After Joe Ouellette, owner of Windsor company Acobah Ltd., established a branch in Lublin, Poland in 1994, a relationship grew between the two cities, leading to twinning in 2000.

"Polish-Canadians have lived in Canada for over 160 years, and in Windsor for over 100. Throughout much of this time, Poland was under either foreign or Communist rule and Canada was a place of refuge. Today, it brings us great joy to build relationships between Windsor, Canada and our homeland — now that it, too, enjoys freedom and prosperity," Barycki says.

A symbol of the twin cities' special bond stands in Windsor's Centennial Park: Leszek Rymczuk's Billy Goat Spring Fountain, modeled after a similar fountain in Lublin, The Polish city gifted it to Windsor in 2008.

"The connections between Canada and Poland are about highlighting our similarities and differences through political, education and cultural exchanges," Dilkens says. "These experiences matter to a world where finding ways to stand united with human



The Canadian Windsor-Essex Trade Mission Team to Poland welcomed by H.E. Lesław Skarżyski, Ambassador of Canada to Poland and her staff, Canadian Embassy, Warsaw, May 13, 2019. COURTESY OF THE PCBPAAW ARCHIVES

beings across the globe, and working together on universal issues is important, relevant and timely."

TRADE MISSIONS

Helping to conduct more than 1000 successful trade missions between Windsor and Lublin, PCBPAAW members most recently traveled to Poland in May 2019 to the impact of the Windsor-Essex Economic Development Commission and other organizations.

The 2019 Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland was an opportunity for those attending to explore the economic and educational potential of Poland, Dilkens says. "Agreements on economic co-operation were signed. Such agreements support the free flow of ideas relating to future commercial, cultural, academic and technological cooperation. They help facilitate contacts

between schools, universities and academic professionals, while also promoting sporting events, tourism and cultural exchanges between communities Canada and Poland have much to learn from one another, and much to share when it comes to issues of mutual



Canada 150-Polish-Canadian Heritage Exhibition, Ledy Library, University of Windsor, April 7, 2017. COURTESY OF THE PCBPAAW ARCHIVES

POLISH HERITAGE IN CANADA

The association's Polish heritage display introduces all Canadians to Poland and its people and culture. Canadians who are not Poles "are surprised to learn that Aleksander Edmund Kierdowski was the very first Canadian Parliament member back in 1867, and that a Pole, Sir Casimir Gzowski, served as the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, or that Canada hosted a training camp for the Polish Army called Camp Koscusko at Niagara-On-the-Lake during the First World War or the Recruiting Station in Windsor during the Second World War," Barycki says.

Having travelled in Poland and Canada, including Queens Park and Parliament Hill, the display can be viewed virtually at <http://polcanwinbtor.ca/polish-canadian-heritage-collection>.

ENCOURAGING POLISH-CANADIAN YOUTH

Understanding the importance of community, "PCBPAAW has prioritized supporting our youth from the very beginning through mentorship and financial support," says Barycki. "We know that when our young people are successful in their professional, business and community lives, they will become strong leaders that can overcome challenges and contribute to the building of a better Canada, and of a better world."

To learn more about the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, please call 519-398-4772 or visit www.pccanwinbtor.ca.

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THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR



Invitation

to the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner



20 years
Windsor-Lublin, Twin Cities



Krzysztof Żuk
Mayor of Lublin, Keynote
Speaker (invited)

25 years of Contributions to
Windsor, Canada, Polonia and Poland

You are cordially invited to the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner scheduled on Friday, November 20, 2020, at the Cabolo Hall, 2175 Parent Ave, Windsor. The VIP Reception starts at 5:30 p.m. and the Programme at 6:30 p.m.

Event is rescheduled to November 19, 2021

During the pandemic-related restrictions, we had to cancel our events. However, we created a pictorial summary book (1995–2020), highlighting a quarter-century of working with the Polish community in Windsor and fostering cooperation between Polonia, Canada, and Poland in business, education, and culture.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, who supported us during these challenging times, enabling us to celebrate our anniversaries through the Windsor Star newspaper and share them virtually. This effort was crucial for our organization to continue its mission, providing hope for a brighter future and demonstrating resilience in the face of pandemic-related challenges.

Sincerely,

Jerry Barycki, President

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2022 - Twice Rescheduled 25th Annual Business Dinner: H.E. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada



For more than a quarter-century, our Association has been contributing to business, education, culture, and youth. Finally, on Friday, November 18, 2022, after two years of delays, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor and the 20th anniversary of the Windsor-Lublin partnership. The traditional VIP Reception started before the official programme began. It provided an opportunity for guests to meet and greet officials; many pictures were taken and business cards exchanged.

Ambassador of Poland to Canada Witold Dzielski, in his speech presented modern Poland with a fast-growing economy as an attractive partner for many top countries in the world. The vibrant and growing trade between Canada and Poland is notable.



Our guest speaker, Director of the International Cooperation Centre of the City of Lublin, Poland, Krzysztof Stanowski, said that Lublin is a modern city with a large number of students attending several universities. He appreciates the vibrant relationship between our partner cities. Lublin is a good partner for international cooperation with a modern airport and a new highway to Warsaw.



2023 - 26th Annual Business Dinner: Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, M.P.P., Mississauga Centre


THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR


PROGRAMME


The 26th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner

Friday, November 17th, 2023, at the Dom Polski Hall,
1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, Ontario



SOLD OUT

Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
MPP, Mississauga Centre
Keynote Speaker



Windsor-Lubin, Twin Cities since 2000





Our 26th gathering gave us a chance to show what was happening in our Polish community in Canada as well as how the cooperation between Poland and Canada was progressing. We were glad to note that our Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner was attended by a large group from the younger generation (including the keynote speaker) and it was sold out. Ms. Kusendova-Bashta captivated the audience with her passionate presentation on growing Canada-Polonia-Poland relations.



Guest Speakers, from left: Romi Jaszczynski, Head of Foreign Trade Office, Polish Investment and Trade Agency (Canada) - Canada-Poland Trade and Investment Relations, Suzie Sawicki, President, Polish Canadian Students' Association of Windsor - Young Polonia Leadership Summit, Ottawa, 2023, and Victor Wolanski, Vice President, Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. - Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada.



2024 - 27th Annual Business Dinner: Brian Masse, M.P., Windsor-West

 THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR

 **PROGRAMME** 

The 27th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner

Friday, November 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at Dom Polski Hall,
1275 Langlois Ave, Windsor, Ontario.



Brian Masse, M.P. Windsor-West
Keynote Speaker

 Windsor-Lublin, Twin Cities since 2000 

In these challenging times, as we all work to uphold global peace and protect democratic values, our organization is committed to building a better future for the Polish-Canadian community and for Canada. Our annual event gathered business, professional, political and youth representatives to share speakers' presentations and enjoy a taste of the delicious Polish cuisine, ending with some brief entertainment.



From left: Brian Masse, MP, Windsor-West, Keynote Speaker-Development of Our Region from the Federal Government's Prospective, Romi Jaszczynski, Managing Director of the Polish Investment and Trade Agency - Poland-Canada Trade Updated 2024, and David Makarczyk, Vice President, Polish Canadian Students' and Young Professionals' Association of Windsor - Celebration of Copernicus Jubilee (550), Guest Speakers.



Presentation of greetings from left: Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care, MPP Mississauga Centre, Sabina Klimek, Vice Consul of Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Poland in Toronto.

The traditional presence of a large group of the younger generation was beneficial to all.



2022-2024: The Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada and Beyond

This was the largest project undertaken by our Association during 2022-2024. The Copernicus display was translated into 16 languages and traveled across Canada, Poland, and several other countries. All of this is documented in the enclosed pictorial report, which includes a foreword by the President. Please use the QR code or link to access the complete document.



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Windsor, Ontario, Canada, April 13, 2024

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Canada, created a collection of displays on Polish heritage for the 150th anniversary of Canada in 2017. It includes world citizens with roots in Poland and our latest display, Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada 2023, belongs to this heritage. The display came about through cooperation with centres of Copernicus studies in Poland and institutions in Canada, gathering many interesting documents to create a popular-science biographical account of the life and achievements of Copernicus. All of the stages in our work on the Copernicus project were documented in our Communications 2022-23.

Copernicus had a fundamental influence on our understanding of the universe and in time became known as "the Father of Modern Astronomy". The popularity of the display exceeded our expectations, as evidenced by the reports included in this publication from Canada, Poland and elsewhere in Polish and in English. Copernicus Year in Canada began 17 February 2023 in Windsor and four days later in Poland, at the Senate of the Republic of Poland. Its conclusion was announced on 30 November 2023 at the "All Star Gala" Concert in Mississauga, Canada, with the singing of "Happy Birthday, Mr. Copernicus". However, this was not the end. We are pleasantly surprised that interest in our display still continues; judging by the requests that are sent to us. On April 2, 2024, we were informed that the Copernicus display is permanently installed in the Faculty of Physics, Astronomy, and Applied Informatics of the Jagiellonian University, the *alma mater* of Copernicus. Another major achievement was placing our display in the scientific portal of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, the city of his birth.

We deliver to you the present publication, a collection of documents from presentations of the display around the world, together with souvenir medallions and Polish and Canadian postage stamps. With QR codes to download the display in 16 languages, it forms a source of valuable information. Today, presentations of the display amount to 28 in Canada, 20 in Poland, and 7 in other countries. The display was distributed on flash drives, including at the 2022 Conference of the World Polonia Council (a patron) in Vilnius to delegates from more than 20 countries, at the 2022 Conference of the Canadian Polish Congress (a patron) in Kitchener, and accompanying the display and brochure in handouts at the 2023 World Conference of Polish Communities and Poles from Abroad at Warsaw-Pultusk to delegates from over 40 countries. Our project is homage of Canadian Polonia to Nicolaus Copernicus. A report about it appeared in the journal of the Polish Astronomical Society, *URANIA*, 1/2024, p. 56-57, under the title, "Display on the Occasion of the 550th Anniversary of the Birth of Nicolaus Copernicus- a Gift from Polonia in Canada" and is a part of the present publication.

In conclusion, we offer thanks to all individuals and institutions for their support of this exceptional project, an example of how much one may accomplish by working together, in particular for the younger generation. Thanks to you, the fame of Copernicus continues unceasingly.

With best wishes,

Jerry (Jerzy) Barycki,
President, PCBPAW, and Chair, Committee on the 550th Anniversary of Copernicus, Executive Committee, Canadian Polish Congress

Translated from the Polish by Frank Simpson

Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada 2023

The Final Report

From  Canada,  Poland and Beyond

Edited by Jerry Barycki



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Prepared by Jerry Barycki, January 13, 2025.

This part of the pictorial report highlights the main events (2021-2025) of the Windsor-Lublin partnership.

2022: Jerry Barycki visited Lublin to hold meetings with officials to strengthen cooperation between Lublin and Windsor.

Productive Meetings in Lublin on 16.08.2022



With Andrzej Pruszkowski, former Mayor, City of Lublin



With Maciej Kaczmarszuk, Rotary Club, Lublin-Centrum



With Zbigniew Jurkowski, Councillor, City of Lublin



With Jarosław Pakuła, Chair of Lublin City Council, and Grzegorz Szymczak



Left to right: Robert Gmitruczuk, Deputy Governor of Lublin Province, Krzysztof Żuk, Mayor of City of Lublin, Jerzy Barycki, President of PCBPAW in Windsor, Agata Gula, Secretary General of Office of Lublin Province, Zbigniew Wojciechowski, Vice Marshal of Lublin Province



Presentation of letter of greetings to Mayor Żuk from Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor

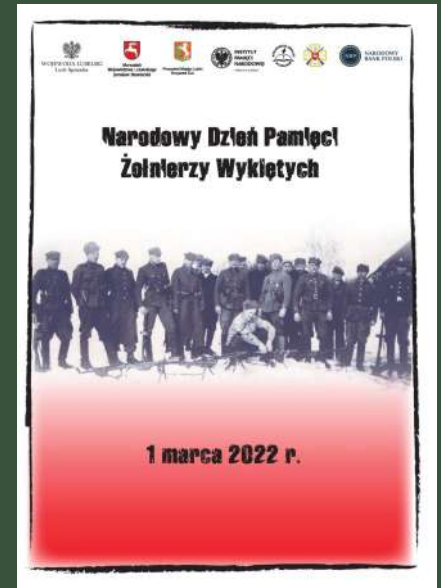


With Roman Jaborkhel, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Centre, City of Lublin



With Grzegorz Szymczak, owner of Queen Jadwiga Private School, Lublin

2022: A monument commemorating "The Cursed Soldiers" was erected in Lublin, Poland. Joe Ouellette from Windsor, Canada, was one of the sponsors of this project.



A model of "The Cursed Soldiers" monument (featuring Hieronim Dekutowski, known as "Zapora") was presented by Joe Ouellette to Jerry Barycki at the Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner in Windsor in 2015 and later deposited in the Polish Combatants' Association of Canada Museum in Toronto.

<https://www.hieronimdekutowski.pl/miejsca-pamieci/pomnik-w-lublinie-2/>



Hieronim Dekutowski, "Zapora"



A monument commemorating "The Cursed Soldiers" is located in Lublin, near Lublin Castle.

2022: The official visit of Krzysztof Stanowski, Director of the International Cooperation Centre in Lublin, provided an opportunity to foster a more vibrant connection between our twin cities, Windsor and Lublin.

Three-Day Visit by Polish Officials to Windsor

The "biggest small city" in Canada

A delegation of Polish officials, Witold Dzielicki, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, Krzysztof Stanowski, Director, International Cooperation Centre of the City of Lublin, Poland, Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress, Dominik Rozak, Vice President, Canadian Polish Congress, and Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, arrived in Windsor on Thursday, November 17, 2022, to participate in meetings on business, education, and culture. For many years, Polish immigrants have contributed to the prosperity of our adopted country and to our beautiful City of Windsor. Our city has a great future, as the largest investments in Canada, about \$15 billion, are coming to Windsor. It is the right place for participation in a discussion about a better future.

DAY ONE- Friday, 18.11.2022

Meeting with Mayor Dikens, Exhibit of Children's Art, and City Hall Tour

The programme of the official visit of Polish officials started with a morning meeting with Mayor Drew Dikens at City Hall.



From left: Jerry Bayoch, President, Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor (co-organizer of the visit), Dominik Rozak, Vice President, Canadian Polish Congress, and Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, Drew Dikens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, Krzysztof Stanowski, Director, International Cooperation Centre of the City of Lublin, Poland, Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress, and Witold Dzielicki, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada.

Soon after, they participated in the opening of an international children's art display at City Hall, which turned into a show of solidarity with Ukraine. Lublin, the twin city of Windsor is an example, supporting the accommodation of 70,000 Ukrainian refugees by the 350,000 citizens of Lublin. This is a huge burden on citizens and city services.



Mayor Dikens welcomes Polish officials and participants



Ambassador Dzielicki and Director Stanowski deliver comments



Ribbon-cutting ceremony



A delegation of Polish officials, meeting municipal officials at the City of Windsor Hall

Tour of the University of Windsor

The delegation visited several departments. Some of them are documented below.



Tour of Essex Centre of Research (ECR) with Dr. Chris Housler (right) and Dr. Dorota Liberska



Future car and automobile technology overview by various researchers



Delegation meeting with Dr. Rob Goggin, President of the University (in the centre)



25th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner, Casabello Club

A separate report is attached.

DAY TWO- Saturday, 19.11.2022

Meeting with Stephen Mackenzie and Team and tour of VR CAVE 3

This meeting was very informative and provided an overview of Invest WindsorEssex current and future projects. Both sides discussed their main points of interest and the possibility of cooperation. Ambassador Dzielicki promoted Poland as an equal partner for Canada and other most developed countries.

Virtual Cave Experience



From left: Akash Chavali - Engineering Lead, VR and Optics, Rami Jachymczyk (PAP), Janusz Tomczak, President, Polish Canadian Congress, Witold Dzielicki, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Stephen Mackenzie - President and CEO, Invest WindsorEssex, Director, International Cooperation Centre of the City of Lublin, Jerry Bayoch, President of the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor and Kaseem Nizam - Program Manager

Meeting with Mark Galvin - Tour of Windsor Airport

This meeting was an eye-opening experience on the Windsor Airport operation. It was mentioned that COVID has disrupted operations. However, everything is returning to normal and hopefully it is going along this way. Mark Galvin, Director of the Airport, introduced some ideas on rebuilding the existing old structure of the airport facility to accommodate current and future needs. It was mentioned that Lublin has a modern airport and perhaps some experience from this project could be shared to benefit Windsor Airport.



From left: Jerry Bayoch, Janusz Tomczak, Witold Dzielicki, Mark Galvin, Krzysztof Stanowski and Rami Jachymczyk



Visit to Lublin Street and the Lublin Coat Fountain



Lublin Street at this time is fully developed. The coat fountain, a gift from Lublin to the citizens of Windsor, is located on a very popular walkway and many thousands of people pass by here.



City of Windsor IRC Official Dinner, Willistead Manor



2023: The Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee (550th Anniversary) in Canada in 2023 was a major display project organized by the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor. We had the opportunity to present it in both Canada and Poland, including in Lublin.

Wystawa „Jubileusz Mikołaja Kopernika w 550. rocznicę urodzin”

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Mikołaj Kopernik przeszedł do historii jako twórca przełomowej dla nowożytnej nauki teorii heliocentrycznej. Przyszły astronom urodził się 19 lutego 1473 r. w Toruniu w rodzinie kupieckiej. Po jego śmierci ojciec opiekę nad Mikołajem przejął brat matki, Łukasz Watzenrode, przyszły biskup warmiński. Z inicjatywą wuja podjął studia z prawa kanonicznego na uniwersytecie w Bolonii oraz studia medyczne w Padwie, połączone z uzyskaniem doktoratu z prawa kanonicznego na uniwersytecie w Ferrarze. Wcześniej studiował nauki matematyczno-przyrodnicze w Akademii Krakowskiej. Podczas pobytu we Włoszech Kopernik doskonalił znajomość języków klasycznych, tłumacząc z języka greckiego na łacinę dzieła Teofilakta Symokatty (VII w.), a także pogłębiał studia nad tradycją pitagorską.

Wieksości swych obserwacji astronomicznych Mikołaj Kopernik prowadził we Fromborku, gdzie zmarł 24 maja 1543 r. Rok 2023 został ustanowiony przez Senat RP Rokiem Mikołaja Kopernika. Datę powiązano z rocznicą pięćset pięćdziesiątych urodzin i czterysta osiemdziesiątą rocznicą śmierci polskiego astronoma. W uchwale senatorowie wskazali, że w swoim najslawniejszym dziele „De revolutionibus orbium coelestium” Mikołaj Kopernik przedstawił założenia heliocentrycznej budowy Układu Słonecznego, które zburzyły ówczesny obraz świata. Jego odkrycie spowodowało rewolucję naukową, zwaną przewrotem kopernikańskim.

Ministerstwo Edukacji i Nauki – 550. rocznica urodzin Mikołaja Kopernika



Wystawę z inicjatywy przewodniczącego Komisji Spraw Emigracji i Łączności z Polakami za Granicą Kazimierza Michała Ujazdowskiego zorganizowało Polsko-Kanadyjskie Stowarzyszenie Biznesmenów i Profesjonalistów w Windsorze (Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor).

Na ekspozycji, zorganizowanej przez Polsko-Kanadyjskie Stowarzyszenie Biznesmenów i Profesjonalistów w Windsorze, na 12 planszach zaprezentowano fakty z biografii Mikołaja Kopernika – jego dzieciństwo i młodość w Toruniu; studia: nauki wywołane na Akademii Krakowskiej, prawo w Bolonii, medycynę w Padwie i prawo kanoniczne w Ferrarze; życie i prace po powrocie do Polski: w Lidzbarku Warmińskim, Olsztynie i Fromborku; działalność publiczną na Warmii; wczesne publikacje i istotę największego odkrycia. Wystawa przypomina również ponowny pochówek astronoma w 2010 r., po odnalezieniu jego szczątków pod posadzką kościoła we Fromborku, a także prezentuje dowody upamiętnienia Kopernika na świecie i w Kanadzie, w tym obchodzone tam 500-lecie jego urodzin.

Senat – Otwarcie wystawy „Jubileusz Mikołaja Kopernika w 550. rocznicę urodzin”

wystawa będzie eksponowana do 24 czerwca 2023 roku w godzinach pracy Biblioteki.

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At the Provincial H. Łopaciński Library in Lublin.

Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II Al. Raclawickie 14, 20-950 Lublin



Prezentacja wystawy „Jubileusz Mikołaja Kopernika w 550. rocznicę urodzin” na Katolickim Uniwersytecie Lubelskim Jana Pawła II odbyła się w dniach w okresie: 1 – 15 czerwca 2023 r. Jest to szczególne miejsce, gdyż Kopernik ojciec współczesnej astronomii był kanonikiem, blisko związanym z kościołem katolickim w całym okresie swojego życia.



Wpływanie Medalionu Mikołaja Kopernika, Jego Magnificencji, Rektorowi KUL, Księdzu prof. dr. hab. Mirosławowi Kalinowskiemu przez prezesa Fundacji im. W. Reymonta z Kanady, Kazimierza Chrapkę i wiceprezesa, Witolda Jaroszewskiego w dniu 25 września 2023 roku.

Opracował Jerzy Barycki, zdjęcie z archiwum KUL, 2023.10.01. Zmodyfikowano 2024.03.24.

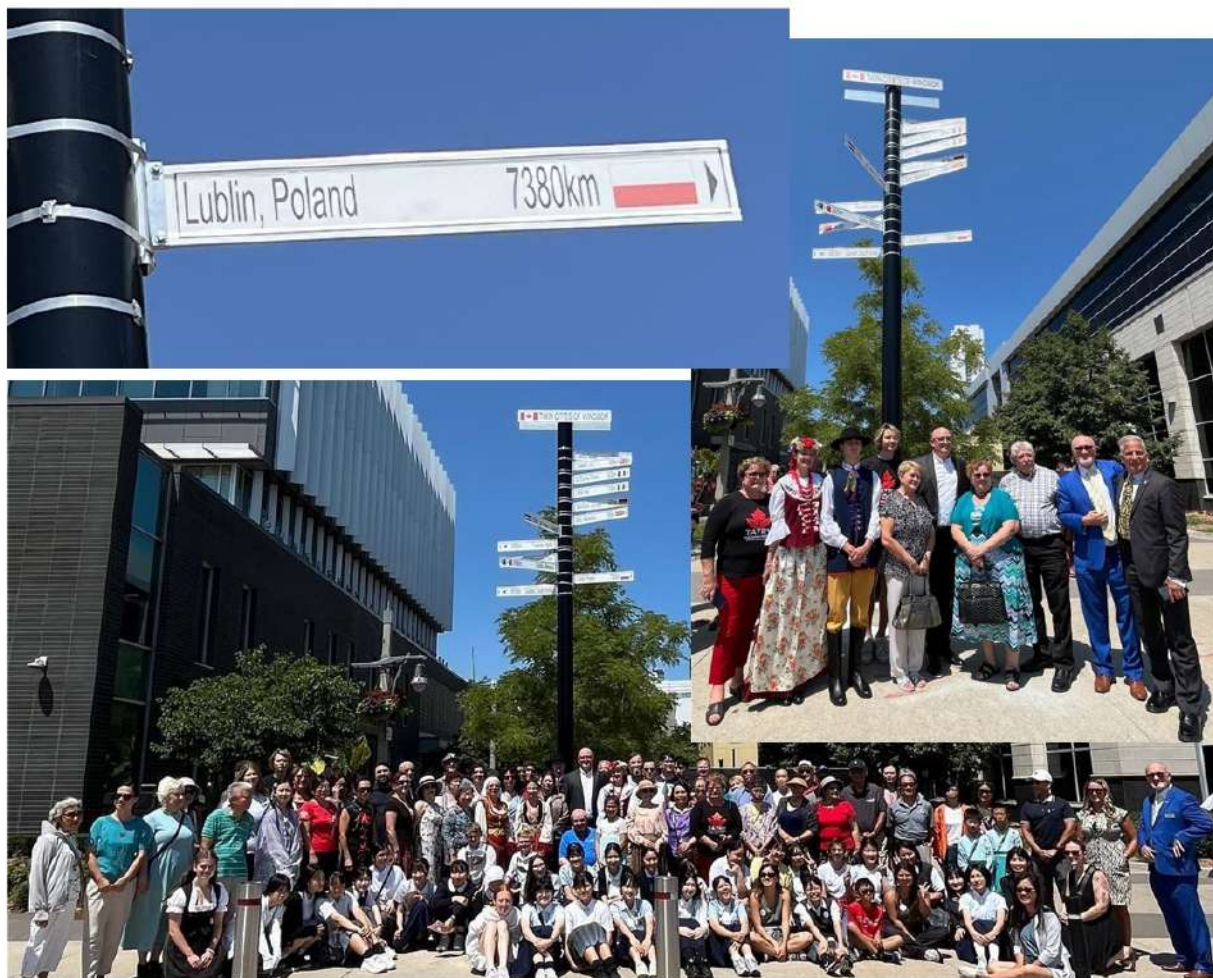
At the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

Presentation of the Nicolaus Copernicus Medalion to His Magnificence, the Rector of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Mirosław Kalinowski, by the President of the W. Reymont Foundation from Canada, Kazimierz Chrapka, and Vice President Witold Jaroszewski, on September 25, 2023.

2024: The City of Windsor proudly unveiled a new Symbol of Friendship display to honour and recognize its twin cities, including Lublin.

The City of Windsor proudly unveiled a new Symbol of Friendship Display to honour and recognize the City of Windsor's Twin Cities on July 26, 2024.

Today, the City of Windsor proudly unveiled a new Symbol of Friendship Display to honour and recognize the City of Windsor's Twin Cities. Located on the south side of the City Hall Square campus, a 25-foot pole has been installed and holds an individual sign for each of Windsor's twelve Twin Cities. Each sign includes the Twin City name, country, flag, and distance from Windsor. The signs are oriented to point towards each of the Twin Cities, arranged in order of when the twinning relationship was established. We were thrilled to have representation from nearly all of our Twin Cities, including the visiting students from Fujisawa, Japan, joined us for the unveiling. Thank you to the International Relations Committee and the City's Parks and Facilities and Council Services departments for their work to bring this important installation to life, and to all the individuals and community organizations, who continue to support Windsor's Twin Cities relationships year after year.



Source: the City of Windsor Facebook

2024: The Windsor delegation, consisting of Jerry Barycki and Małgorzata Holec, visited Lublin. Several meetings were held, including at the City Hall, the Provincial Public Library, the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, and the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. These meetings included open discussions to evaluate potential future cooperation in higher education between Lublin and Windsor.

Visit to Lublin by Representatives of Windsor

Lublin City Hall

On August 12, 2024, there was a visit to Lublin by representatives of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Lublin's twin city in Canada, comprising Jerzy Barycki, President, and Małgorzata Holec, Member of the Board of Directors.

The first meeting in Lublin took place in the City Hall and involved Krzysztof Żuk, the City President, Jarosław Pakula, the Chair of the City Council, and Krzysztof Stanowski, the Director of the Office of the Centre for International Cooperation. Both sides presented the growing potential of our cities and associated regions, which is increasingly appealing in terms of business, science and culture. During the meeting, there was a discussion about organization of next year's 25th anniversary of the twinning agreement between our cities in 2025 as well as the reactivation of academic contacts.



From the left, Krzysztof Żuk, Jerzy Barycki, Małgorzata Holec and Jarosław Pakula.

There were additional meetings in institutions of public education, which provided an opportunity to describe the cooperation up to now. The delegation from Windsor described the growing potential of our city and associated region, which is becoming increasingly attractive in terms of business, science and culture. Our constructive discussions indicated the need for joint activities and the addition of new areas of activity, arising out of our growing educational requirements.

H. Łopaciński Voivodeship Public Library



Meeting in the H. Łopaczyński Voivodeship Public Library with Andrzej Rolla (right), Director.

The Maria Curie-Skłodowska University



Meeting with Dr. Hab. Radosław Dobrowolski (centre), Rector of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University.

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin



Meeting with Dr. Hab. Beata Piskorska (centre), Prorector of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

J. Barycki, August 13, 2024 (1)

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Twin Cities with the Corporation of the City of Windsor

(Chronological Order)

<u>City and Country</u>	<u>Year of Twinning</u>	<u>2024/2025 Anniversary</u>
Granby, Canada	1956 (May)	68/69
Coventry, England	1963	61/62
St. Etienne, France	1963 (June)	61/62
Udine, Italy	1977 (November 14)	47/48
Mannheim, Germany	1980 (April 14)	44/45
Ohrid, Macedonia	1981 (June 29)	43/44
Las Vueltas, El Salvador	1987 (April 13)	37/38
Fujisawa, Japan	1987 (December 2)	37/38
Changchun, China	1992 (June 16)	32/33
Saltillo, Mexico	1994 (November 6)	30/31
Lublin, Poland	2000 (June 26)	24/25
Gunsan, South Korea	2005 (June 20)	19/20