

AGENDA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

meeting held Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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 February 24, 2026 – ***attached***

4. Business Items

4.1 San Juan del Rio Proposal (10 Minute Presentation)

- Presentation from Carlie Janine Flack, Advisor to the Investment Promotion Committee in San Juan Del Rio, Queretaro, Mexico regarding the possibility of a friendship city relationship. **Proposal for a Friendship City Relationship between San Juan del Rio, Queretaro, Mexico and Windsor, Ontario, Canada has been distributed to members of the Committee only.**

4.1.1 Eight (8) letters of support are *attached*.

4.2 Children's Art Exhibition - John Fraser, Graphic Designer Presentation

Proposal to create a video including animation of this year's Children's Art Exhibition with the assistance of the kids from the Children's Summer Film Camp and Amanda Gellman from the Media Arts Community Centre and Museum **(to be provided).**

4.3 2026 Children's Art Exhibition

4.4 Shkodra Twin City Proposal Discussion – Next Steps
Proposal for Sister City relationship distributed to members of the Committee only

4.5 Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival – 2026 – Verbal Update

4.6 Arlington Texas – Update

The Chair to provide an update.

4.7 Proposal for Sister City Partnership between Kryvyi Rih and the City of Windsor – *attached*.

4.8 Polish Heritage Month in Canada – Program is *attached*

4.9 The Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor Annual Dinner

Save the Date Flyer is *attached*. Committee direction required.

5. Communications

6. New Business

7. Date of Next Meeting

8. Adjournment

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting held February 24, 2026

A 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 (arrives at 3:55 p.m.)
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Lubna Barakat (via Zoom video conference)
Saiful Bhuiyan
Ronnie Haidar
L.T. Zhao (via Zoom video conference)
William Ma (via Zoom video conference)

Regrets received from:

Councillor Fred Francis
Jerry Barycki

Guests in attendance:

Uran Kuci, President, Albanian Association of Windsor
Dr. Entela Bilali
Professor Arti Tamburi
Professor Jonia Tamburi
Dr. Mirabela Hali, Medical Researcher

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 3:30 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 Sleiman, seconded by Ronnie Haidar,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held
December 17, 2025, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Shkodra Twin Proposal – Presentation from Uran Kuci, President of the Albanian Windsor Association and members

The following representatives are present:

- Uran Kuci, President of the Albanian Association of Windsor
- Dr. Entela Bilali
- Professor Arti Tamburi
- Professor Jonia Tamburi
- Dr. Mirabela Hali, Medical Researcher

Mr. Uran Kuci along with the representatives of the Albanian Windsor Association introduce themselves. Mr. Kuci thanks the members of the International Relations Committee for the opportunity to meet and discuss the twinning initiative between the City of Windsor and Shkodra, a City in Albania. This potential partnership represents more than a formal agreement between two cities; it is a bridge of friendship, culture, education, and economy collaboration. Videos of beautiful Shkodra are provided.

A Presentation entitled “The Gateway to Northern Albania” is provided and includes the following topics:

- Historic Foundations, Cultural Preservation & Trade, Global Recognition, Beacon of Religious Harmony, Geography: Where the Alps meet the Adriatic, Economic Pillars and Development, Culture Insights and New Horizons: Canada-Albania Link Direct Flights.
- The similarities between Shkodra and Windsor are defined.

In response to a question from Ronnie Haidar regarding if Shkodra has any other twin cities, it is noted that Windsor would be the first Twin City in the Western Hemisphere.

Councillor Ed Sleiman asks for examples of what Shkodra is known for - tourism, fishing, textiles and trade is expressed.

Sandra Gebauer provides the following next steps as outlined in the Twin City/Friendship City policy:

- Discussion and recommendation from the IRC Committee
- Proposal for a twinning
- Take direction from the Mayor's Office.

Once the IRC Committee makes a recommendation, it will proceed to the Development & Heritage Standing Committee and City Council for approval.

Upon approval by the Mayor and City Council, the Mayor's Office will prepare a Letter of Intent to be sent to the Mayor of Shkodra.

In response to a question asked by Lubna Barakat regarding if the Shkodra Embassy and Consulate in Canada would be involved with this partnership, the response is affirmative.

The delegation representing Shkodra leave the meeting at 4:28 o'clock p.m.

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That the Presentation provided by the City of Shkodra regarding the potential twinning relationship between the City of Shkodra and the City of Windsor **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

4.2 Invitation from Lublin, Poland for the International Exhibition of Inventions and Technology – INNOWINGS 2026 to be held on June 18 & 19, 2026 in Lublin, Poland

The Chair suggests directing this invitation to Invest WindsorEssex to determine if there is interest in this endeavour.

Moved by Ronnie Haidar, seconded by Saiful Bhuiyan,
That Jerry Barycki **BE CONTACTED** regarding the invitation from Lublin, Poland for the International Exhibition of Inventions and Technology, and further, that Invest Windsor Essex **BE APPRISED** of this opportunity.

Carried.

4.3 Gunsan Brews & Blues Festival – 2026

It is noted that the importing of the beer to Gunsan will be paid for, and the Chair suggests this may be worthwhile event for a Windsor brewery.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino proposes that this information be provided to Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI). Sandra Gebauer notes that only one brewery is being invited to attend the Festival.

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to direct the matter relating to the 2026 Gunsan
Brews & Blues Festival to Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI) to decide which
brewery will attend the event in Gunsan.

Carried.

4.4 Verbal Report regarding the June 14-16, 2025, Visit to Arlington, Texas

Highlights of the visit to Arlington, Texas by some members of the IRC and
Administration are as follows:

- The Chair remarks that the city is very “sports centric”, very much like downtown Detroit.
- They met the Mayor of Arlington along with other delegates of Arlington.
- Also met the Provost of Arlington, Texas University along with representatives from the social work, nursing, and education faculty. The Provost advised that this is a university not of Arlington, Texas but for Arlington, Texas which is the spirit of the University of Windsor.
- The University of Arlington Texas has a multi-cultural campus with diverse events.
- A walking tour of the downtown area was conducted.

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the verbal update regarding the January 14–16, 2026 visit to Arlington, Texas
BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

4.5 Arlington, Texas Visit to the City of Windsor

Sandra Gebauer advises that the delegation from Arlington, Texas has asked that
their visit to Windsor be deferred until after their municipal election, scheduled for May 2,
2026.

The Committee members provide the following suggestions in terms of possible
dates for the Arlington delegation’s visit to Windsor:

- During the Multicultural Carrousel of Nations (June 12-14, 2026, and June 19-21, 2026).
- Canada Day Weekend.
- During the Windsor/Detroit Fireworks to be held on June 22, 2026.

The Committee agrees that the invitation will consist of a 2-3 day visit to Windsor and
will include a tour of the Windsor/Detroit Tunnel.

Councillor Agostino indicates that the final dates for this visit should be coordinated through the Mayor's office so the Mayor's availability can be confirmed.

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That a suggestion by the International Relations Committee to invite a delegation from Arlington, Texas for a two-to-three-day visit to the City of Windsor, during the month of June 2026 **BE FORWARDED** to the Mayor's Office for approval.
Carried.

4.6 Children's Art Exhibit 2026

The Chair remarks that the Children's Art Exhibit traditionally has been held at Devonshire Mall and asks if there is a suggestion for another venue. Councillor Renaldo Agostino proposes that City Hall Square Park be considered as an additional location.

Lubna Barakat suggests that a "theme" for the Children's Art Exhibit be determined.

Sandra Gebauer proposes that the Twin Cities be invited along with local children to participate in the 10th Anniversary of the Children's Art Exhibit and that details including dates and venues be finalized at a later date.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino recommends that the event be incorporated into the esplanade in the summer months.

Discussion ensues regarding the date of the 2026 Children's Art Exhibit.

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That it is generally agreed that the 10th Anniversary of the 2026 Children's Art Exhibit **BE HELD** in the summer at City Hall Square Park with a Theme entitled: "10 Year Anniversary".
Carried.

4.7 Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel and the Holiday Inn Express Windsor Waterfront Hotel

Sandra Gebauer states that while making hotel reservations for the delegates from Lublin, Poland and Gunsan, South Korea during October and November 2025, management from the Holiday Inn Express Windsor Waterfront offered contracts with preferred rates for the Holiday Inn Express Windsor Waterfront Hotel and the Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel for future booking. A CAO report is currently being prepared for approval by the City Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer.

5. Communications

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That the Pictorial Report from the 30Th Polish Canadian business Professional
Association **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

6. New Business

Sandra Gebauer advises that her contact from our twin city of Changchun, China
has requested information regarding conferences to be held in the Fall 2026 in Windsor.
Invest Windsor Essex, has confirmed that they are hosting an “Emerging Technologies
and Automation and Mobility Transformation Conference and Trade Show at Caesars
Windsor on November 19, 2026. This information has been shared with the contact in
Changchun, who has indicated that a delegation would be very interested in attending.
Further information will be provided to them once registration for the event opens.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in a room to be
determined.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:15 o'clock p.m.

Cluster Automotriz de Querétaro
Prol. Tecnológico 801, San Pablo, Querétaro, México
November 11, 2025

To:

The Mayor and Members of the International Relations Committee
City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9A 6S1

Subject: Support for the Friendship City Initiative between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, and Windsor, Ontario

Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of the Committee,

It is a great pleasure for the *Cluster Automotriz de Querétaro* to express our institutional support for the initiative to establish a Friendship City relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

As an organization that promotes collaboration, innovation, and competitiveness within Querétaro's automotive sector, we recognize the value of building international partnerships that strengthen industry, education, and technology exchange. This proposed relationship represents a valuable opportunity to connect two regions that share a strong manufacturing heritage and a forward-looking vision for sustainable development.

We see clear potential for cooperation in areas such as advanced manufacturing, technical education, supply chain integration, and mobility innovation. Windsor's leadership in the North American automotive corridor and San Juan del Río's growing industrial and academic ecosystem create a natural platform for collaboration and mutual growth.

We commend the efforts of the San Juan del Río Chamber of Commerce for promoting this initiative and reaffirm our readiness to collaborate in activities that contribute to the success of this partnership.

We trust that the City of Windsor will view this proposal as an opportunity to build lasting bridges of friendship, knowledge, and prosperity between our communities.

Sincerely,



Ing. Daniel Hernández Camacho
Director General - Cluster Automotriz de Querétaro, A.C

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17 de octubre de 2025
REF. SJR/DP/615/2025

**The Mayor and Members of the International Relations Committee
City of Windsor 350 City Hall Square West
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9A 6S1**

Subject: Letter of Support for a Friendship City Relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, México, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the College of Professional Technical Education of the State of Querétaro (Conalep Querétaro), San Juan del Río Campus, we are pleased to express our full support for the proposal to establish a Friendship City relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Our institution is an active part of the San Juan del Río community, through the training of technical professionals with bachelor's degrees in Food and Beverages, Industrial Electromechanics, Automotive Industry, Industrial Productivity, and Industrial Chemistry. Furthermore, as networking is a fundamental factor for the school, we currently have international cooperation agreements with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the training of teachers specializing in the automotive industry and the transmission of knowledge by senior volunteers; with the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation, through the granting of scholarships and academic awards for outstanding students, as well as for the development of social impact projects; and with local, national, and transnational companies such as Exo-S Industrias, for the development of professional internships for our students. Therefore, we firmly believe that this initiative will bring lasting benefits to both cities.

We see great potential for collaboration in areas such as the exchange of teachers and students in technical careers for academic purposes. Windsor's strong industrial base and cross-border connections complement San Juan del Río's dynamic manufacturing, agricultural, and educational sectors, offering mutual opportunities for growth and learning.



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We commend the San Juan del Río Chamber of Commerce for taking the lead in coordinating this initiative and are committed to supporting the ongoing development of this partnership through collaboration and participation in future projects.

We sincerely hope that the City of Windsor will consider this proposal favorably and join us in building a productive, long-term relationship founded on friendship, cooperation, and shared prosperity.

SINCERELY:

"Contigo, Orgullosamente CONALEP"


Mtro. José Julio Rodríguez Guzmán

Director of the CONALEP San Juan del Río campus



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The Mayor and Members of the International Relations Committee
City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9A 6S1

Friday, October 17th, 2025

Subject: Letter of Support for a Friendship City Relationship between
San Juan del Río, Querétaro, México, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Consejo de Ciencia y Tecnología del Estado de Querétaro (CONCYTEQ) — Council of Science and Technology of the State of Querétaro — we are pleased to express our full support for the proposal to establish a Friendship City relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Our institution is a public organization dedicated to promote and coordinate the development of science, technology, and innovation of the State of Querétaro. We foster academic and inter-institutional collaboration through the Consortium of Technological and Polytechnic Universities of the State of Querétaro, a partnership among six higher education institutions including the Technological University of San Juan del Río (UTSJR).

There is great potential for collaboration in areas such as education, science and technology, innovation, and cultural exchange. Windsor's strong industrial base and cross-border connections complement San Juan del Río's dynamic manufacturing, technological, and educational sectors, creating mutual opportunities for research partnerships, academic mobility, and shared learning experiences that promote sustainable regional development.

We commend the San Juan del Río Chamber of Commerce for taking the lead in coordinating this initiative and reaffirm our commitment to supporting the continued growth of this partnership through active collaboration and participation in future projects.

It is our sincere hope that the City of Windsor will consider this proposal favorably and join us in building a productive, long-term relationship founded on friendship, cooperation, and shared prosperity.

Sincerely,



Enrique Rabell García, PhD
Director General CONCYTEQ



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20 October 2025

To: The Mayor and Members of the International Relations Committee

City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9A 6S1

Subject: Letter of Support for a Friendship City Relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Exo-s Industrias, we are pleased to express our full support for the proposal to establish a Friendship City relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Our organization is an active part of the San Juan del Río community since 2014 and we are part of a Canadian group with more than 50 years of experience in the plastic industry. Our site in San Juan del Río is engaged in the manufacturing of plastic components for the Automotive Industry in North America, and we strongly believe that this initiative will bring lasting benefits to both cities.

We see great potential for collaboration in areas such as technology, education, trade, innovation, etc. Exo-s group for over 50 years has provided innovative solutions with proven expertise in automotive, medical and industrial applications. Windsor's strong industrial base and cross-border connections complement San Juan del Río's dynamic manufacturing, agricultural, and educational sectors, offering mutual opportunities for growth, innovation and learning.

We commend the San Juan del Río Chamber of Commerce for taking the lead in coordinating this initiative and are committed to supporting the ongoing development of this partnership through collaboration and participation in future projects.

We sincerely hope that the City of Windsor will consider this proposal favorably and join us in building a productive, long-term relationship founded on friendship, cooperation, and shared prosperity.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JFE', written over a light blue circular background.

Juan Francisco Escobedo

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17th October 2025

To:
The Mayor and Members of the International Relations Committee
City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9A 6S1

Letter of Support for a Friendship City Relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Instituto Tecnológico de San Juan del Río, we are pleased to express our full support for the proposal to establish a Friendship City relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Our organization is an active part of the San Juan del Río community, engaged in comprehensively training competitive professionals in science, technology and other areas of knowledge, committed to the country's economic, social, and cultural development and sustainability by providing undergraduate and graduate public education since 1988. Currently, offering six majors in bachelors in science and one master degree, and we strongly believe that this initiative will bring lasting benefits to both cities.

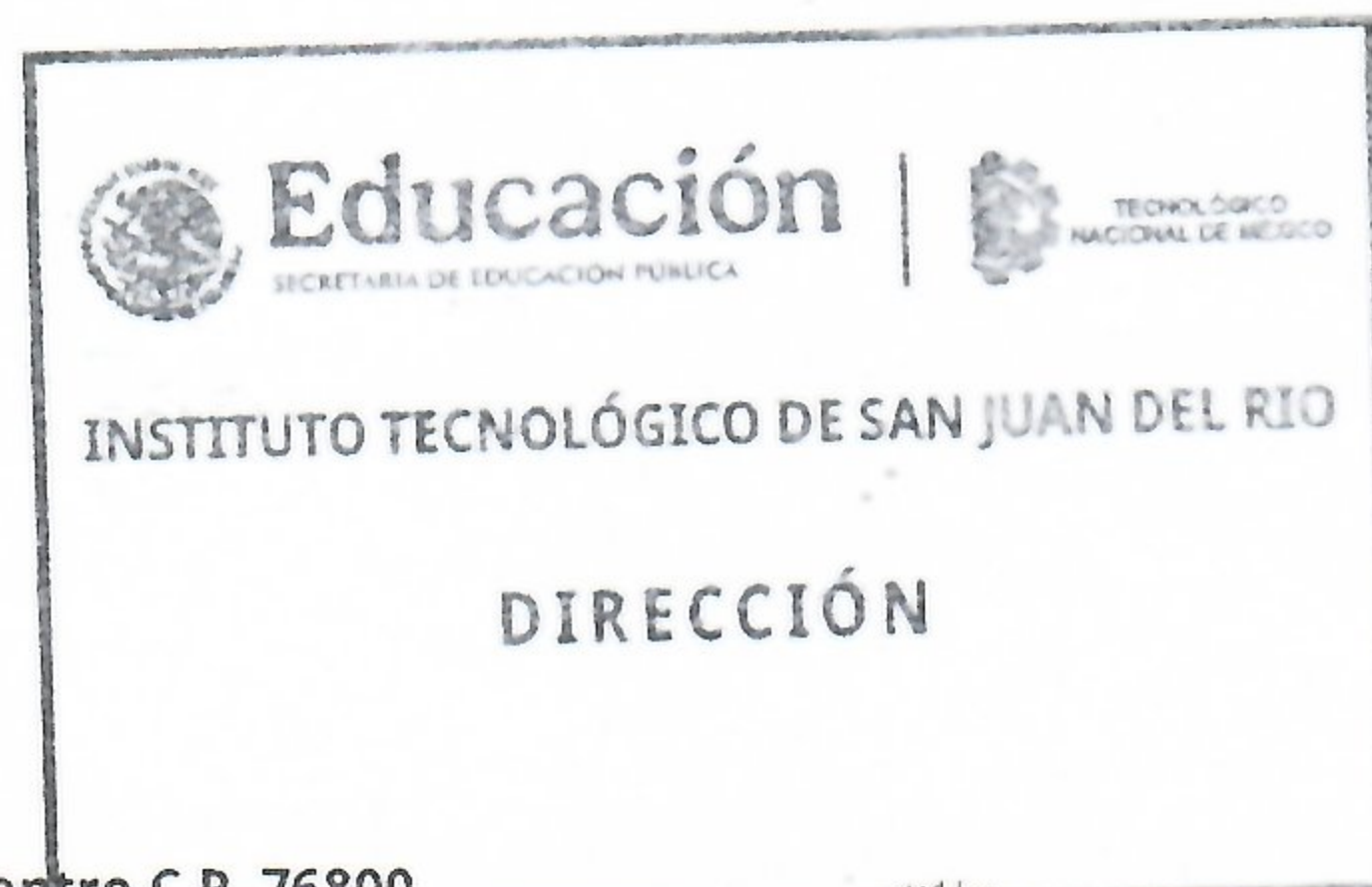
We see great potential for collaboration in areas such as education, technology, cultural exchange, innovation, and commerce. Windsor's strong industrial base and cross-border connections complement San Juan del Río's dynamic manufacturing, agricultural, and educational sectors, offering mutual opportunities for growth and learning.

We commend the San Juan del Río Chamber of Commerce for taking the lead in coordinating this initiative and are committed to supporting the ongoing development of this partnership through collaboration and participation in future projects.

We sincerely hope that the City of Windsor will consider this proposal favorably and join us in building a productive, long-term relationship founded on friendship, cooperation, and shared prosperity.

Yours faithfully,


Ruben Espinoza Castro
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SAN JUAN DEL RÍO, OCTOBER 21, 2025

OFICIO: CG/SJR/450-25

**THE MAYOR AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
 CITY OF WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA**

Members of the International Relations Committee:

On behalf of the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, San Juan del Río Campus, and with the firm conviction that the growth and consolidation of our campus can only be achieved through joint effort, teamwork, and close collaboration, I am pleased to express our full support for the proposal to establish a Friendship City relationship between San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

With an enrollment of 2,855 students, 251 professors, and 136 administrative staff distributed among eight Schools—Engineering, Accounting and Administration, Psychology and Education, Political and Social Sciences, Languages and Literature, Arts, Nursing, and Law—the university campus I have the honor to represent plays a fundamental and highly relevant role in academic development.

We maintain an internal management model grounded in respect, responsibility, inclusion, equity, and transparency, and we are consistently committed to our community.

We demonstrate a strong commitment to promoting international collaboration and cultural exchange that enriches both our students and the communities with which we cooperate.

We believe that a relationship of this nature will open valuable and significant opportunities for cooperation in the development of joint research projects, as well as initiatives that will enhance the academic growth of both parties.

This type of collaboration will strengthen educational and cultural ties, contributing to cultural understanding and shared growth between both cities.

We express our willingness to participate in future activities and projects that will strengthen this relationship of friendship and cooperation between San Juan del Río and Windsor, confident that it will bring great benefits to both communities.

We deeply appreciate the committee's consideration of this proposal, which we trust will strengthen our communities through a united, proactive, and cooperative relationship.

SINCERELY,

“EDUCO EN LA VERDAD Y EN EL HONOR”

M. EN A. JAVIER PEÑA PERRUSQUÍA
GENERAL COORDINATOR



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COORDINACIÓN GENERAL

October 20th, 2025

Subject: *Letter of Institutional Support – Friendship City Initiative between San Juan del Río, Mexico and Windsor, Ontario, Canada*

The Mayor and International Relations Committee
City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Dear Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the **Universidad Tecnológica de San Juan del Río**, it is a great honor to express our keen interest for the *Friendship City* initiative between **San Juan del Río, Querétaro, Mexico, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada**, promoted by the San Juan del Río Chamber of Commerce, Services, and Tourism (CANACO SERVYTUR SJR).

UT San Juan is a higher education institution committed to fostering innovation, academic excellence, and international collaboration. We strongly believe that establishing this friendship relationship will open meaningful opportunities for **educational exchange, research collaboration, and cultural enrichment** between our regions.

Through this partnership, we envision the development of **joint academic programs, technological cooperation, and student mobility initiatives** that will contribute to strengthening global competencies among our students and faculty. In addition to, we are confident that this alliance will foster mutual understanding and long-term cooperation between our communities.

We express our full enthusiasm and commitment to supporting this initiative and remain at your disposal to collaborate in future projects that may arise from this important connection.

Sincerely,


M. en A.P. Fernando Ferrusca Ortiz
Dean

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POLISH HERITAGE MONTH IN CANADA

WINDSOR, ONTARIO, MAY 2026

PROGRAMME



Proud to be Canadian and Polish



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

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

2:00 PM–7:00 PM — Polonia Table Tennis Tournament, Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by: Polonia Sports Club, contact:

Pawel Bochus — pbochus@yahoo.ca and Adrian Olichwier — AdrianOlichwier@gmail.com

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

12:00 PM — Ceremonial Raising of the Polish Flag (front of the Church), Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON, contact: Mariusz Zalewski — superluigi66@hotmail.com

12:30 PM — Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Poland. A Thanksgiving Holy Mass for Mary's protection over our Homeland, praying for God's blessings and for the faithfulness of the Polish Nation to God. Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON, contact: Mariusz Zalewski — superluigi66@hotmail.com

2:15 PM Wreath-laying ceremony by Polish organization in front of the plaque commemorating Polish soldiers and the "Polish Armed Forces in the West" - exhibition prepared by Rafal Kosek, Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by Cultural and Educational Committee PPHA, contact: Dorota Zalewska — mzalewski4@cogeco.ca

SATURDAY, MAY 9 – SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

RADIO SERIES — WHAT'S UP WINDSOR (CJAM 99.1 FM), Tuesdays (Live): 8:00

PM–9:00 PM | Saturdays (Encore): 12:00 PM–1:00 PM. Organized by: Polish Canadian Arts Institute, contact: Malgorzata Holec — polishartsinstitute@gmail.com

Tue May 5 | Sat May 9 — Roots and Identity: Over 100 Years of Polish Presence in Windsor

Tue May 12 | Sat May 16 — The May 3rd Constitution and Polish Democratic Values Today

Tue May 19 | Sat May 23 — Polish Cultural Heritage: Film, Art, and Community Expression

Tue May 26 | Sat May 30 — Polonia in Action: Intergenerational Engagement

SATURDAY, MAY 9–SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

Novena through the intercession of St. John Paul II. We will recite novena prayers 10 minutes before each Holy Mass. After Holy Mass, we will sing together the hymn "Barka" together in front of the Pope's monument. Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

7:00 AM–3:00 PM — Polonia Fishing Tournament, Alexander Park, 3445 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON, contact: Pawel Bochus — pbochus@yahoo.ca

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

11:00 AM–4:00 PM — Mother's Day Brunch, 1:30 PM performance by „Tatry' and „Polskie Nadzieje," Tickets \$35. Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by: Polish Peoples' Home Association, contact: Dorota Zalewska — mzalewski4@cogeco.ca and Maria Ginter — marysiag@hotmail.com



THURSDAY, MAY 14–SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

11:30 AM — 85th Anniversary of the Polish Army Recruiting Station in Windsor (1941–1942) — display, Leddy Library, University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by: Polish-Canadian Students' & Young Professionals Association of Windsor, contact: Suzie Sawicki — pssaw.contact@gmail.com Marysia Zalewski — marysia.zalewski09@gmail.com

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

6:00 PM — Cabaret "Kabaret pod Banka - Gawenda z Gawenda", Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave, tickets \$30, available online or at the Polish Club ph.519 551 9160, contact: Halina — info@polishclubwindsor.ca or <http://www.luminarisart.com>

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

7:00 PM — Thanksgiving Holy Mass for the ministry and apostolic work of St. John Paul II on the 106th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II, we will give thanks for his life, pontificate, and the spiritual legacy that he left to the Church and the world. After Holy Mass, we will sing together the hymn "Barka" in front of the Pope's monument, followed by a gathering in the parish hall with a presentation on the teachings of St. John Paul II and refreshments featuring "papal cream cakes."

THURSDAY, MAY 21–SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

11:00 AM — 85th Anniversary of the Polish Army Recruiting Station in Windsor (1941–1942) — Display, City Hall (Lobby). Organized by: Polish-Canadian Students' & Young Professionals Association of Windsor, contact: Suzie Sawicki — pssaw.contact@gmail.com Marysia Zalewski — marysia.zalewski09@gmail.com

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

7:00 PM — Students and Young Professionals Social, Cuchina 360, 58 Chatham St W, Unit 100, Windsor, ON. Organized by: Polish Canadian Students & Young Professionals, RSVP by May 15. Contact: Suzie Sawicki — pcsaw.contact@gmail.com

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

2:45PM - 5:00PM — Bike Ride (mandatory helmets for participants under 18, Stop 26 ice cream break) - Tecumseh Arena, 12021 McNorton St, Tecumseh, ON. Organized by: Polish Scouting Association Windsor, contact: Ewa Jagielski - druzyna.harcerek.windsor@zhp.ca

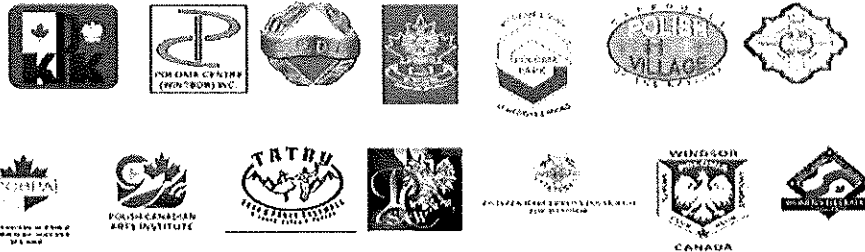
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

4:00 PM "Legacy of Courage – A tribute to our Polish Veterans"
Banquet - Celebration of Polish Heritage in Windsor, Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave, Windsor, ON (by invitation only). Organized by Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc., contact: Barbara Koczwara — bskoczwara@outlook.com or Maria Kulesza — mrkulesza@hotmail.com Elzbieta Stepniak — emstepniak@yahoo.com

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

10:00 AM–6:00 PM — Exhibition of Works by Danuta Siniarska, Dom Polski (Upper Level), 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON., contact: Dana Gnat-Siniarska — dana_gnat_siniarska@yahoo.com

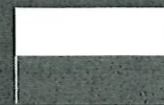
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