

Windsor-Lublin

20 Years of Successful Partnership, 2000-2020



The signing ceremony of the agreement on Windsor-Lublin cooperation took place on June 26, 2000, in the presence of representatives of nine other twin cities of Windsor from around the world. The Mayor of Lublin, Andrzej Pruszkowski (left), the Chair of the Lublin City Council, Helena Pietraszkiewicz (right), the Mayor of Windsor, Mike Hurst (centre), and the Chair of the City of Windsor, International Relations Committee, June Cox, signed the agreement in the presence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, H.E. Prof. Bogdan Grzeloński.

Windsor - Lublin Twin City Agreement

Whereas the Cities of Windsor and Lublin have a significant number of parallels as well as great potential for future commercial, cultural, academic and technological cooperation; and,

Whereas the City of Windsor and the City of Lublin have developed a friendship that will aid in the exchange of ideas and delegations to build a progressive and prosperous future for both cities; and

Whereas through this Agreement, local enterprises will be fostered and assisted in their business contacts with their partners in Lublin to exchange information concerning economic cooperation; and

Whereas this Agreement will facilitate contacts between schools, universities and academic professionals; and

Whereas the promotion of sporting events, tourism and cultural exchanges between the two cities will be encouraged,

Therefore be it resolved, we, the undersigned pledge our good faith and cooperation in fulfilling a Twin City relationship between Lublin, Poland and Windsor, Canada on this 26th day of June, 2000.

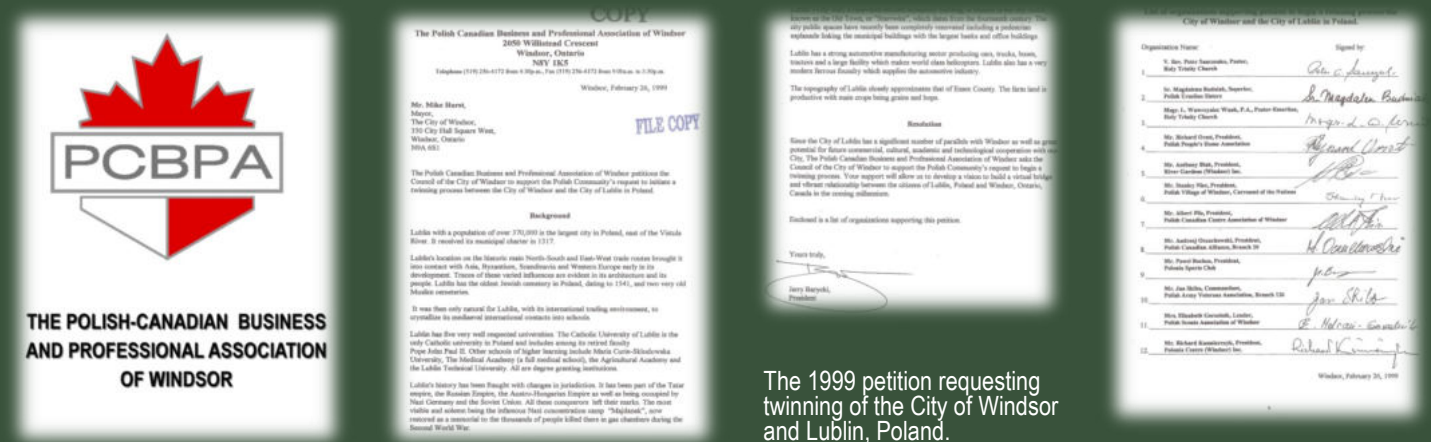
Michael Hurst
Mayor
City of Windsor

Andrzej Pruszkowski
Mayor
City of Lublin

June Cox
Chairperson,
International Relations Committee
City of Windsor

Helena Pietraszkiewicz
President of
City Council
City of Lublin

1999: The Beginning of the Windsor- Lublin Partnership



Windsor- Lublin business relations began in 1994, when Joe Ouellette, the owner of the Windsor firm Acrolab Ltd., established his business branch lab in Lublin, Poland. In 1999, the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor prepared and circulated a petition requesting twinning of the City of Windsor and Lublin, Poland. The petition was signed by twelve representatives of the Polish Community in Windsor and sent to the City of Windsor, where approval was granted. Then, the City of Windsor sent a request to the City of Lublin and approval was granted at the beginning of 2000. Following the twinning process, the City of Windsor invited the President of Lublin to visit Windsor in June 2000 to sign the agreement and to be part of the millennium celebration with Windsor's other twin cities.

2000: Visit to Windsor of Lublin Delegation, Led by Mayor Andrzej Pruszkowski, with Ambassador of Poland, H.E. Prof. Bogdan Grzeloński, Present



Delegations to Windsor from twin cities around the world: Coventry (England), St. Étienne (France), Udine (Italy), Mannheim (Germany), Ohrid (Republic of Macedonia), Las Vuelas (El Salvador), Fujisawa (Japan), Changchun (China), Saltillo (Mexico) and Lublin (Poland).

Windsor-Lublin Agreement: Signing Ceremony, 2000

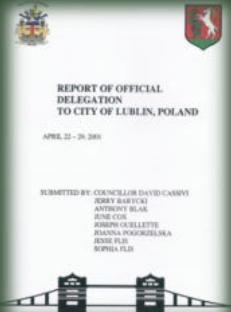


Lublin delegation to Windsor, led by Mayor Andrzej Pruszkowski, with Ambassador of Poland, Prof. Bogdan Grzeloński.

L: Helena Pietraszkiewicz, Mike Hurst and Andrzej Pruszkowski and June Cox (not present).

2001: Visit of Windsor Delegation, Led by Deputy Mayor, David Cassivi, to Lublin

An official Windsor delegation, led by Dave Cassivi, the Deputy Mayor of Windsor, was invited to Lublin. The Windsor-Lublin Partnership Agreement, Part 2, was signed in Lublin by Dave Cassivi, June Cox, Andrzej Pruszkowski and Helena Pietraszkiewicz. Members of our organization were in the Windsor delegation.



Windsor delegation signing the second part of the agreement.



Visiting Lublin Business School in Lublin, from left: Joe Ouellette, June Cox, Jesse Flis, David Cassivi and Prof. Rev. Tadeusz Zasępa, Rector.



Visiting Cardinal Wyszyński Elementary School in Lublin.



Windsor official delegation from left: Anthony Blak, Jesse Flis, Jerry Barycki, David Cassivi, June Cox, Joanna Pogorzelski and Sophie Flis.



Windsor plaque at the Lublin City Hall.

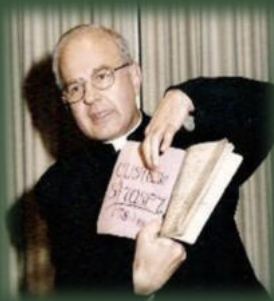
2002: Visit by Rev. Prof. Tadeusz Zasępa from the Lublin School of Business



On November 17, 2002, a co-operation agreement was signed between St. Clair College, Windsor, and the Lublin School of Business by Vice President Michael Vourakis (middle) and President Rev. Prof. Tadeusz Zasępa (left) with the Consul General of Poland in Toronto, Dr. Jacek Junosza-Kisielewski (right), present.



Meeting the Polish Community and International Relations Committee of Windsor.

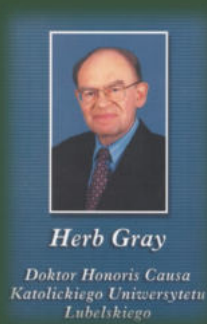


Rev. Prof. Tadeusz Zasępa.



From left: David Cassivi, Mike Hurst and Tadeusz Zasępa.

2003: Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Received Title Doctor *honoris causa* at the Catholic University of Lublin with Ambassador of Canada, H.E. Ralph Lysyshyn, Present



On May 30, 2003, Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, fr. Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, was awarded the title of Doctor, *honoris causa*, at the Catholic University of Lublin.

People involved in this project: Association President, Jerry Barycki, and Jesse Flis, fr. M.P. Parkdale-High Park (in background), led the process for this award.

2003: Visit to Windsor by Andrzej Pruszkowski, Mayor of Lublin



IX Annual Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner. VIP guests from left: John Jr. Kowalski, Rev. Roman Waszkiewicz, Sandra Pupatello, Jerry Barycki, Andrzej Pruszkowski, Jacek Junosza-Kisielewski, Andrzej Drzewiecki and David Cassivi. Photograph courtesy of Jerry Barycki.

Andrzej Pruszkowski, the Mayor of Lublin, was invited to Windsor and Toronto. He was the Keynote Speaker at the IX Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Society Dinner on November 14, 2003, in Windsor. He also participated in a Polish-Ukrainian forum with Dr. Jacek Junosza-Kisielewski, the Consul General of Poland, and Dr. Ihor Lossovskyi, the Consul General of Ukraine, at the Consulate General of Poland in Toronto.



Mayor of Lublin, Andrzej Pruszkowski, Keynote Speaker. Photograph courtesy of Jerry Barycki.

2004: Canadian Businesspeople in Lublin and Canada Trade Day with Ambassador of Canada H.E. Ralph Lysyshyn Present



On 13-18 June, 2004, a business delegation from the twin city of Windsor visited Lublin, at the invitation of the Mayor of Lublin, Andrzej Pruszkowski. The Windsor group included David Cassivi, Deputy Mayor; and Gary Cian, Secretary, and Jerry Barycki, Member, International Relations Committee; as well as business representatives June Cox, Jason Cox, Daniel Moynahan, Joe Ouellette, and Dr. Zbigniew Pona. Andrzej Drzewiecki, National Vice President of the Canadian-Polish Congress, was the special guest of the delegation.



Business meeting, from left: Tadeusz Fijałka, Dave Cassivi and Joe Ouellette. Photograph courtesy of Jerry Barycki.



City of Windsor delegation in front of the Lublin Municipal Hall, from left: Jerry Barycki, Dave Cassivi, June Cox and Gary Cian. Photograph courtesy of Jerry Barycki.



Canada Trade Day took place on Wednesday, 16 June, in the Tribunal Hall, where more than 120 people gathered. The Canadian Embassy organized the event, in collaboration with the Lublin Promotion Office and the Windsor International Relations Committee. It was altogether the programme highlight of our visit. Among officials present were (seated from left): Andrzej Kurowski, Governor of the Lublin Region, Teresa Królikowska, Vice Marshal of the Lublin Region, David Cassivi, Deputy Mayor of Lublin, H.E. Ralph Lysyshyn, the Canadian Ambassador to Poland, Andrzej Pruszkowski, Mayor of Lublin and representatives of companies in Poland and Canada. Photographs courtesy of Jerry Barycki.



2005: 25th Anniversary of Solidarity in Lublin



Lublin celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Solidarity movement, which began in the Lublin area. Jerry Barycki, a member of City of Windsor International Relations Committee, was invited to Lublin to represent Windsor and the Canadian Polish Congress, Windsor-Chatham Branch.

Lech Kaczyński, Mayor of Warsaw.

Jerry Barycki (left), presenting a Canadian flag to Andrzej Pruszkowski (right), Mayor of Lublin.



2005: Visit to Windsor of Business Delegation Led by Ryszard Pasikowski, Deputy Mayor of Lublin, with Ambassador of Poland, H.E. Piotr Ogrodziński Present



Ryszard Pasikowski, speaker, and with Sandra Pupatello, M.P.P. Windsor-West, and H.E. Piotr Ogrodziński, Ambassador of Poland.

The Lublin Trade Mission 2005, led by Ryszard Pasikowski, the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, visited Windsor, Toronto, and Erie, in the USA. They also took part in the Annual XI Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner on October 14, 2005.



The Lublin Trade Mission, participating in various business meetings in Windsor.



The Business Mission from Lublin to Windsor representation, from left: Anna and Janusz Mikołajczyk, Mikromax Smart Office, Karol Scibior, President of Lublin Airport, Maciej Zmysłowski, President of the Association of Business Development in Lublin, Agnieszka Małyska, the City of Lublin, Office of Promotion, Ryszard Pasikowski, Deputy Mayor of Lublin, Irena Szumlak, Treasurer Lublin City, Kazimierz Dębski, President of the company LUBREM and SA Świdnik and Dr. Adam Borowicz, representing the Lublin Academy of Medicine.

2006: Visit by Joe Comartin, M.P. Windsor-Tecumseh, to Lublin, Warsaw and Lviv



L: Andrzej Pruszkowski, Mayor Lublin and Joe Comartin.



Meeting businesspeople in Lublin.



Meeting at the Catholic University of Lublin.

During July 19-25, 2006, a Windsor delegation, visiting Lublin, Warsaw and Lviv (Ukraine), included Joe Comartin, the Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh and Jerry Barycki, President PCBPAAW.



Meeting representatives of the City of Lviv in Ukraine.



Visiting Polish Parliament in Warsaw.



Meeting the Polish-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group in Warsaw.

Meeting with Bogdan Borusewicz (centre), Speaker of Senate in Poland.

2008: Visit by Educational Delegation to Windsor, Led by Adam Wasilewski, Mayor of Lublin, during Celebration of One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor with the Ambassador of Poland to Canada, H.E. Piotr Ogrodziński, Present



Lublin Educational Delegation at the University of Windsor.



Unveiling of drinking water fountain, gift from Lublin, by Adam Wasilewski, Mayor of Lublin, and Eddie Francis, Mayor of Windsor, River Front Park in Windsor.



Adam Wasilewski, Mayor of Lublin. Photographs courtesy of John Liviero.



Educational Delegation from Lublin, left: Rev. Prof. Sławomir Nowosad (CUL), Prof. Adam Wasilewski (LP), Piotr Dreher, Agnieszka Małyska and Prof. Ryszard Dębicki (UMCS). Photographs courtesy of John Liviero.



The Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner. Photographs courtesy of John Liviero.



The Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner. Photograph courtesy of John Liviero.



The One Century Anniversary Gala Concert. Photographs courtesy of John Liviero.

2010: Lublin-Windsor X Anniversary Conference in Lublin, June 2-4, with Delegates Led by Drew Dilkens, Deputy Mayor of Windsor with the Ambassador of Canada to Poland, H.E. Dan Costello, Present



The Town Hall in Lublin.



Participants in the Lublin-Windsor X Anniversary Conference.



H.E. Dan Costello, Canadian Ambassador to Poland (L), and Dr. Drew Dilkens (R).



The famous Goat Fountain in Lublin.



L: Official meeting with Mayor of Lublin, Adam Wasilewski.



R: Visiting flood-damaged area along on the Vistula River.



L: Visiting the Catholic University of Lublin. Our delegation from left: Jerry Barycki, Ania Barycka, Rev. Prof. Sławomir Nowosad (CUL), Prof. Frank Simpson and Dr. Drew Dilkens.



R: The Canadian Embassy in Warsaw.

2010: A Concert of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra on the Occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Twinning Agreement Between Lublin and Windsor

A concert of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra took place in 2010 on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the twinning agreement between Lublin and Windsor and included the premiere of a composition by Henryk Wieniawski.



Canadian pianist Daniel Wnukowski, left, is presented to the audience by the WSO Conductor John Morris Russell, following his performance of works by the composer Chopin at the Chrysler Theatre on May 1, 2010. *Photograph by Nick Brancaccio, The Windsor Star.*



R: A reception after concert.

2010: Quo Vadis II: Building Bridges, Building Leaders, the Polish-North American Youth Leaders Conference in Windsor with Bogdan Borusewicz, Speaker of the Polish Senate and his Delegation, Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism of Canada, and H.E. Zenon Kosiniak-Kamysz, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Present

During May 7-9, 2010, Quo Vadis II: Building Bridges, Building Leaders, the Polish-North American Youth Leaders Conference took place at the University of Windsor, with the participation of a delegation from the Polish Parliament led by Bogdan Borusewicz, the Speaker of the Senate R.P. The conference and two delegates from the Catholic University of Lublin were sponsored by our Association. At the end of the conference delegates and the Polish Community in Windsor and Detroit attended a concert by the famous Polish group "Budka Suflera" from Lublin, at St. Denis Hall. About 1,000 people participated.



Ania Barycka, QVII Co-Chair.



From left: Jerry Barycki, Zenon Kosiniak-Kamysz, translator, Bogdan Borusewicz with delegation, Jason Kenney. *Photograph courtesy of Kamil Zdziechowski.*



QVII Organizing Committee, from left: Janeta Szczepanik, Adam Pawłowicz, Katarzyna Ślusarczyk, Natalia Mróz, Ewa Kula (CUL-Lublin), Kamil Mróz (QVII Co-Chair), Michał Bronkowski, Emilia Danilewska, Monika Wojtera, Michelle Gajewski and Patrick Szczepanik. Not all present.



Opening ceremony of Quo Vadis II at CAW Student Centre, University of Windsor, with all participants on May, 2010. *Photograph courtesy of John Liviero.*



Official VIP dinner of City of Windsor at Willstead Manor. *Photograph courtesy of John Liviero.*



Concert at St. Denis Hall performed by famous Polish group "Budka Suflera" from Lublin, with about 1,000 participants. *Photograph courtesy of Stefan Grzyb.*

2013: Visit to Windsor and Ottawa by Lublin Deputy Mayor, Grzegorz Siemiński

November 9-16, 2013. During Polish Week in Windsor 2013, Grzegorz Siemiński, the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, visited Windsor and Ottawa to participate in a special meeting on Canada-Poland trade and the presentation of the "Sir C.S.Gzowski Exhibition" on Parliament Hill by invitation of Joe Comartin, MP and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.



Grzegorz Siemiński, Keynote Speaker at the XVIII Annual Polish Canadian Society Business Dinner. Polish Song and Dancers Ensemble "Tatry" performance at the end of event. Photograph courtesy of Maria Kulesza.



Gala concert ending "Polish Week in Windsor" on November 16, 2013 at the Windsor Capitol Theatre with singer Krystyna Giżowska from Poland and local Polish performers "Tatry", "Płomień" and "Polskie Nadzieje". Unknown photographer.



Grzegorz Siemiński attending a business meeting with senators, MPs, Ambassador of Poland H.E. Marcin Bosacki and Joe Comartin at Parliament Hill in Ottawa.



Grzegorz Siemiński (L) and Joe Comartin (R) at the Polish Embassy in Ottawa.



Presentation of "Sir C.S. Gzowski Exhibition" on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, on invitation of Joe Comartin and members of Gzowski's family present. Photographs courtesy of parliamentary photographer.

2014: Exhibition "JPII" from Lublin at the Federal and Provincial Parliaments

On April 30, 2014. Prof. Dr. Urszula Paprocka-Piotrowska, Vice President, and Anna Tarnowska-Waszak, Director of the Open University, the Catholic University of Lublin, visited Ottawa for the opening of the exhibition, titled "Pope John Paul II, Poland's Gift to the World" from the Catholic University of Lublin. Also in attendance were: Andrew Scheer, Speaker of the House of Commons and his Deputy, Joe Comartin, Ministers Chris Alexander and Jason Kenney and several MPs.



From left: Andrew Scheer, Urszula Paprocka-Piotrowska, Joe Comartin, Jason Kenney and Anna Tarnowska-Waszak. Photographs courtesy of parliamentary photographer.



Participants. Photograph courtesy of Andrzej Fafara.



Participants. Photographs courtesy of Anna Ronij.



Participants. Photograph courtesy of parliamentary photographer.

2015: Visit by Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor to Lublin

From 19-21 July, Drew Dilkens, the Mayor of Windsor, and Jerzy Barycki, President of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, took part in an official visit to Lublin. The Association is now in existence for 20 years and thanks to its initiative, the twinning agreement was signed 15 years ago. Our delegation visited various businesses and places of special interest. During several meetings, H.E. Alex Bugailiskis, Ambassador of Canada to Poland, joined our delegation.



Drew Dilkens and Alex Bugailiskis in front of partner cities wall.



L: Official meeting with Mayor of Lublin, Krzysztof Żuk. From left: Drew Dilkens, Krzysztof Żuk, Alex Bugailiskis and Jerzy Barycki.



R: Our delegation meeting local Rotary Club members



Visiting, from left: Aqua Lublin, Lublin Arena and Alplast in Lublin.

2015: Visit to Windsor by Jarosław Pakuła, Chair of Lublin Council and Michał Grabowiecki

On Friday, November 6, the Twentieth Annual Dinner of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association took place in Windsor. Among the guests was a two-person delegation from Windsor's twin city of Lublin, Poland. The delegation had a separate, four-day programme, organized by the City Administration.



L: Grzegorz Morawski, Consul of Poland in Toronto, Jarosław Pakuła, Chair of Lublin Council, and Michał Grabowiecki, Project Manager, Investor Relations in Lublin



Lublin delegation presented "Lublin Path to Success through Investment in Culture" during XX Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner.



Official meeting of Lublin delegations with members of the International Relations Committee, City of Windsor and other guests.



Visiting Windsor-Essex Economic Development Corp.



Visiting CS Wind Canada



Visiting Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre



Visiting University of Windsor



2017: Celebration of 700th Anniversary of Lublin, with Jerry Barycki as Delegate from Windsor



The commemorative 700th Years Jubilee Lublin Medal for the City of Windsor.

During 14-15 August, 2015 Lublin celebrated a historic occasion, the Grand Jubilee of 700 years of its existence. More that 30 delegations from partner cities arrived, including Jerry Barycki from Windsor, Canada.



L: Piotr Kowalczyk, Chairman of the Council and Krzysztof Żuk, President of Lublin.



Above, the official 700th Years Grand Jubilee Council Meeting, below on steps, both at Lublin Castle. All photographs courtesy of Maciej Rukasz.

2019: Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland, May 11-18



A week-long visit by a business, education and administration delegation from the Windsor-Essex region of Ontario, Canada, took place in Warsaw, Lublin, Kraśnik and Chełm. Participants in the mission became acquainted with the impressive economic and educational potential of Poland and the Lublin region. Agreements on economic co-operation were signed with the Marshal's Office of the Lubelskie Voivodeship and the City of Chełm.

Our Canadian Trade Mission Team to Poland 2019: Agnes Krol (2), Valiant TMS, Peter Wawrow (3), St. Clair College, Pascal Calarco (4), University of Windsor, Amanda Gellman (5), The Funding Envelope, Stephen MacKenzie (6) and Matthew Johnson (7), Windsor-Essex Economic Development Co. and Jerry Barycki (8), PCBPAW.



Canadian Embassy, Warsaw, May 13, 2019- Our team welcomed by H.E. Leslie Scanlon (1), Ambassador of Canada to Poland.



Lubelskie Voivodeship and Lublin, May 14-15, 2019



Chełm, May 16, 2019



Kraśnik, May 16, 2019



2019: Celebration of 450th Anniversary of Lublin Union, with Jerry Barycki, as a Delegate from Windsor



National celebrations of the 450th Anniversary of the Union of Lublin, with the participation of Polish and foreign delegations, Lublin, 30/06/2019: Holy Mass in the Archdiocese of Lublin, the laying of wreaths at the monument to the Union of Lublin, international parliamentary debate and the world premiere of the concert "Missa", by Mikołaj Górecki, at the Centre of the Meeting of Cultures.



We celebrated the 450th Anniversary of the Union of Lublin, with the participation of the Lublin authorities and foreign delegations from partner cities and Polonia, Lublin, 01/07/2019: Holy Mass at the Basilica of the Dominicans with the premiere of the oratorio "(Po)mosty" by Piotr Selim, a meeting of Polonia, a ceremonial session of the City Council at Lublin Castle, and the day ended with a splendid concert by the Lithuanian-Polish youth band, conducted by Gediminas Gelgotas from Lithuania, in the Lublin Philharmonic.



L: Jarosław Pakuła, Chairman, and President Krzysztof Żuk, presenting Anniversary Medal to Jerry Barycki for Windsor. All photographs courtesy of the City of Lublin.



2019: Jerzy Radwanek Display from Windsor, Presented in the Łopaciński Provincial Voivodeship Library in Lublin



On July 15, 2019, on the one-hundredth anniversary of his birthday, in the Hieronim Łopaciński Voivodeship Library in Lublin, an exhibition about the late Jerzy Radwanek was shown, the third one this year. The first vernissage took place in Montréal, Canada, and the next was held at the Royal Baths Park in Warszawa. The purpose of the display was to present the life of Jerzy Radwanek, an exceptional man and pride of the School of Eaglets ("Szkola Orląt") in Dęblin, Lublin Voivodeship, in which he was a graduate at its thirteenth promotion, in September 1939. However, for him flying planes was not to be, for he entered history as a hero, number 7782 in the German Nazi concentration camp KL Auschwitz. He was awarded the Medal of Righteous Among the Nations for saving the lives of Jews in a camp, where for nearly five years he had to fight for his own life.

Director Tadeusz Ślawecki opened the exhibition.



Renata Urbanek with her son. She introduced her late father, Mjr. Jerzy Radwanek.



2020: Lublin Avenue in Windsor



L: Lublin Avenue was officially opened on October 25, 2004, with Eddie Francis, Mayor of Windsor, present.

R: Lublin Avenue plan of 54 lots in residential subdivision.



On July 4, 2018, construction progress on Lublin Avenue.



On March 11, 2020, construction progress on Lublin Avenue.

2019: Strengthening Trade, Lublin-Windsor and between Lubelskie Province and Ontario

On December 19, 2019, in office of the Mayor of Lublin, inaugural meeting on broader economic co-operation of Lublin region with Canada took place with participation of regional leaders.



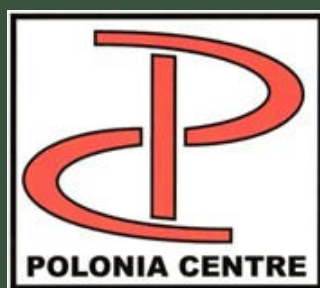
From left: President - Krzysztof Żuk, Jerzy Barycki, President of PCBPAW, Voivode - Lech Sprawka, Vice President - Beata Stepaniuk-Kuśmierzak, Vice-Marshall - Zbigniew Wojciechowski, General Director at the Voivode Office - Agata Gula and Director of the International Cooperation Office of the City of Lublin - Krzysztof Stanowski.

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