

*A Twinning Agreement  
between the Cities of Apeldoorn, the Netherlands  
and Burlington, Ontario, Canada*

*Preamble*

Many new and profound friendships and other links have been created between citizens and officials from Burlington, Ontario, Canada and Apeldoorn, the Netherlands over the course of many years. In recognition of this special and long lasting relationship, each community desires to document and solidify its commitment to the other. This Twinning Agreement between the Cities of Apeldoorn and Burlington outlines our mutual commitment to the development of active and meaningful relationships between our residents, businesses and community organizations so as to create and sustain a long-term twin city relationship. We therefore agree that:

*Purpose of Agreement*

We will foster mutual understanding in such areas as arts, culture, education, history, sports and business to help in the cause of world peace.

We will encourage the involvement of individual citizens and community groups in our twinning relationship to develop a spirit of co-operation and create strong bonds of friendship.

We will execute the attached proclamation of the Twinning to further evidence our commitment.

*Protocol for Delegations between the Twin Cities*

We will support exchange visits between our cities by ensuring that visitors are provided with the opportunity to explore their specific areas of interest and are offered the following courtesies:

Delegations that are officially sanctioned by their respective municipal authorities will be greeted upon their arrival in the host city by a like delegation (in size and status) and will be hosted at such events as are determined by the Office of the Mayor (or the Mayor's designate).

Unofficial delegations (i.e. culture, sport, recreation, business, etc.), which include groups or individuals not officially sanctioned by their respective municipal authorities, will be greeted upon their arrival in the host city by appropriate persons who can assist them with their specific interests (including assistance for billeting, tours and meetings where appropriate).

Adequate notice of all delegations should be provided to the hosting City in accordance with this agreement.

Development of strong educational links, through exchange programs for school students and teachers will be arranged directly on a student-to-student, teacher-to-teacher, or school to school basis.

The exploration of economic development and new business opportunities will be referred to the appropriate departments or agencies within each city.

## *Responsible Committees and Twin City Contacts*

The citizens groups having responsibility for twinning activities are:

the Burlington Mundialization Committee (BMC), in Burlington, Ontario, Canada and the Apeldoorn Burlington Comité (ABC) in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands.

Responsibility for the contacts between both City's are the City Clerk or designate, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada and the Cabinet of the Mayor of Apeldoorn in the Netherlands.

## *Gifts*

Official gifts may be exchanged between the City of Apeldoorn and the City of Burlington on special anniversaries of this agreement. Gift exchanges may take place more frequently between delegations, groups and individuals and will be at the expense of the exchanging parties.

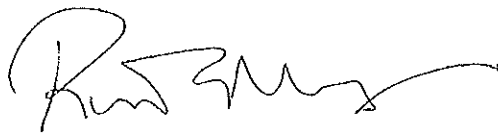
## *No Exclusivity*

This agreement does not limit either City from establishing other twin or sister city agreements but commits both communities to advising the other of their intention to develop a twin or sister city relationship with another community.

## *Regular Reviews*

It is the intent of the signatories that this agreement will establish a long-term relationship and therefore provisions will be made for regular reviews of the agreement to ensure that it continues to meet the purpose and goals as established in the attached Proclamation.

*Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005, in the City of Apeldoorn, the Netherlands.*



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