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Dear City of Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring and all Burlington residents,

I am pleased to offer my congratulations to all Burlington residents on this momentous occasion that is Canada's 150th anniversary. On behalf of the 560,000 residents of Burlington's sister city, Itabashi City, Tokyo, I offer my congratulations.

Congratulations on the 150th anniversary of Canada. I understand Canada Day is a significant holiday for the Canadian people. It is a day when each and every citizen remembers their country's history, reaffirms their affection for their country, offer thanks to their predecessors, and looks forward to continued progress.

Itabashi City and Burlington became sister cities in May 1989. The wish we entrusted to this partnership is that both cities take advantage of each other's wisdom and experience and cooperate in various fields to enrich the vitality and creativity of both cities in order to help achieve world peace.

Over the years we have strengthened our friendship through exchange. Through this exchange, Itabashi City's residents have developed a spirit that strives for mutual understanding and harmony with its neighbors who reside beyond their nation's borders. Supporting world peace is exchange between cities like us, exchange where we can see each other's face.

I firmly believe that our wonderful friendship and its continuation into the future will help us achieve world peace. Together, as sister cities that transcend national borders, let us continue to enhance and develop friendly exchange between our cities.

We wish Burlington residents and the citizens of Canada health and happiness, and for Canada's further development.

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