

# ATTACHMENT

gemellaggio Burnaby

Calendino, Attilio Pietro

Mon 2/4/2019 7:40 PM

Grazie Ilaria. Perfetto. Ora comincero' a muovermi. Probabilmente avro' bisogno di una lettera d'esortazione dal presidente diretta al Sindaco Mike Hurley ed alla INternational Relations & Sister City Committee, ma ti faro' sapere. Un Cordiale saluto, Pietro

Ilaria Baldan <ilaria@iccbc.com>

Mon 2/4/2019 10:48 AM

To:

Ranieri Antonia <ranieria@comune.padova.it>;

Cc:

Calendino, Attilio Pietro;

You replied on 2/4/2019 7:40 PM.

Gentilissima Antonia,

I will translate in English my email from a few days ago.

Con questa email sono a metterla in contatto con il Consigliere Pietro Calendino del Comune di Burnaby (BC), che ci legge in copia.

Pietro: Le presento la dott.ssa Antonia, Ranieri, del Gabinetto del Sindaco di Padova (Ufficio Relazioni Esterne - Gemellaggi e Relazioni Internazionali). La dott.ssa Ranieri e' stata gentilissima nel ricevermi a Padova mentre ero in Veneto qualche settimana fa: ora vi metto in contatto affinche' possiate continuare e coordinare i passaggi successive relativi a un potenziale gemellaggio tra le citta'.

Come Camera di Commercio appoggiamo appieno questa iniziativa alla luce delle potenziali collaborazioni attivabili per il mondo della piccola e media impresa, e alla luce delle progettualita' che gia' abbiamo in atto nella Regione Veneto (es. Progetto INN Veneto <https://www.inn-veneto.it/> dedicato al settore dell'industria culturale, cinematografica e creative digitale).

I am connecting you with Mr. Pietro Calendino City Councillor in Burnaby (BC), hereto copied.

Pietro: please meet dott.ssa Antonia Ranieri, of the Gabinetto del Sindaco di Padova (Ufficio Relazioni Esterne - Gemellaggi e Relazioni Internazionali). Ms. Ranieri was very kind to meet me during my staying in Veneto.

The Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada West is glad to support this twin cities initiative, as there are many projects that can be developed for small and medium size businesses in order to better connect them to Western Canada. Our Chamber is already active in Veneto Region with various projects, therefore we welcome any opportuniy that may be developed between Burnaby and Padua.

As I resident of Burnaby myself, I wish you all the best in the further steps of this initiative, and I remain at your disposal,

Best regards,

Un cordiale saluto,

Ilaria Baldan

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Mayor Mike Hurley  
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March 11, 2019

Dear Sirs,

We have been informed that there is an opportunity for dialogue toward an eventual sister city relationship between the City of Burnaby and the City of Padova (Padua) in the Veneto Province of Italy.

This is most exciting news and as President of the Trevisani nel Mondo Society of BC I would be delighted to support this initiative and I am certain that the Italian-Canadian community of Burnaby would be proud to collaborate with you in making it a reality.

I come from the Treviso Region, not far from Padova and will take the liberty to provide you with a few quick facts demonstrating why Padova would be an excellent choice for engaging in a sister city relationship.

The Province of Veneto is one of the most highly developed and industrialized areas of Italy. Padova is at the centre of this important industrial core. The Padova Region, like the Treviso Region, has a thriving economy, with thousands of enterprises of every kind. These would provide many opportunities for business arrangements and possibly partnerships. Transportation in the area is second to none with motorways, 2 railway stations, a fluvial port and airport. Padova is one of 3 cities that form a Metropolitan HUB of 2.5 million people. The other 2 cities are Venice and Treviso, both less than 1 hour drive away or some 30 minutes by train. The median income of this HUB is fairly elevated, permitting a fairly high standard of living.

Padua is also the seat of the second oldest university in Italy and Europe. It opened in 1222 and has one of the most advanced schools of medicine in the country. This could offer opportunities for the Life Sciences programs both for SFU and BCIT. The region has also several highly recognized technical and trade schools.

I would like to encourage you and the city of Burnaby to pursue this sister city agreement and I look forward to the success of this exciting undertaking. Allow me to offer my best wishes and to venture to say that the Italian Canadian community will be very excited at the prospect of a Padova sister city with Burnaby.

Respectfully yours,

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March 8, 2019

Dear Sirs,

I have been informed that the city of Padova ("Padua") in Italy has indicated interest in starting a dialogue toward an eventual sister city relationship with the City of Burnaby.

This is very exciting news for me as a resident of Burnaby and as President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada-West ("Italian Chamber of Commerce"). I am honoured to support my Mayor and Council in this initiative and I am certain that the Italian-Canadian community of Burnaby would be very proud to collaborate with you in making the sister city relationship a reality.

The Italian Chamber of Commerce has had professional and business relation with the Padova Chamber of Commerce for a long time and we shall be pleased to recommend to our counterpart the positive aspects of a linkage with Burnaby not only on an economic side, but also on a cultural, educational and tourism side. For your information, here are a few quick facts that may convince you on why Padova would be an excellent choice for engaging in a sister city relationship.

The Padova Region is a highly developed industrial zone in northeast Italy. There regional economy is vibrant and thriving, with thousands of large and small and medium-sized enterprises of every kind which would present many opportunities for business arrangements and possibly partnerships for Burnaby businesses. Transportation in the area is among the best with motorways, 2 railway stations, river ways and airport. Padova is one of 3 cities that form a Metropolitan HUB of 2.5 million people. The other 2 cities of this HUB, Venice and Treviso, are both within an hour's drive or some 30 minutes by train. The median income of this HUB is among the highest in Italy and the European Union allowing for a fairly high standard of living.

Both Canada and Italy are parties to the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement ("CETA ") which took effect in September, 2017. Beyond removal of 98% of tariffs on goods traded between Canada and the EU, and of course, Italy as an EU member state, CETA also eliminates non-tariff barriers that impede the flow of capital, investment, intellectual property, technological know-how and personnel presenting opportunities for many entrepreneurs and businesses in Burnaby to penetrate the EU market. The EU is, collectively, the world's largest economy. It is also Canada's second largest trading partner. CETA facilitates access for Canadian businesses to a prosperous market of more than 440 million inhabitants. It will offer Burnaby businesses significant opportunities to diversify their export sales and services thus reducing their dependency on other markets that have recently exhibited volatility and uncertainty. A strong institutional, business and cultural relationship between Padova and Burnaby will enhance the ability of Burnaby's citizens and business community to penetrate the EU market through Padova as a gateway.

Padua is also known for having the second oldest university in Europe dating back to 1222. It has one of the most advanced schools of medicine in the country with the oldest and most famous medical teaching theatre in the world. This could offer opportunities for the Life Sciences programs both for SFU and BCIT. The university has over 30 faculties and specialty



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programs while the region has also several highly recognized technical and trade institutes. CETA facilitates academic exchanges and enables the freer movement of scholars and technicians in furtherance of academic and technical cooperation. For example, mutual recognition and accreditation of academic and technical credentials by Canada and EU member states will enhance research and development benefiting SFU, BCIT, Burnaby's Discovery Park and many other innovation driven endeavours.

I strongly encourage you and the city of Burnaby to pursue this sister city agreement and I look forward to the success of this exciting undertaking. Should this relationship come to fruition, Burnaby will be able to claim another first for Western Canada, therefore, I offer my best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

Celsò Boscariol, QC  
President, Italian Canadian Chamber of Commerce



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March 8, 2019

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that there is an opportunity for dialogue toward an eventual sister city relationship between the City of Burnaby and the City of Padova (Padua) in the Veneto Province of Italy.

This would be a most welcome initiative and as President of IL Centro - Italian Centre Cultural Society I am very confident that the Society and the whole Italian community in Burnaby would be pleased to support the initiative and to collaborate in whatever way we can. A few quick facts will show you why Padova would be an excellent choice for engaging in a sister city relationship.

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I like to encourage you and the city of Burnaby to pursue this sister city agreement and look forward to the success of this exciting undertaking. In taking the opportunity to offer my best wishes I can venture to say that the Italian Canadian community will be very excited to see this project become a reality.

Respectfully yours,

  
Michael Cuccione  
President, IL Centro - Italian Centre Cultural Society