



# Comune di Padova



*Il Sindaco*

*Padua, 31 January 2020*

To  
Municipality of Burnaby

Dear Sirs,

we welcomed with sincere appreciation the keen interest of the City of Burnaby in forging a relationship of friendship - and sisterhood, as the English language elegantly expresses - with the City of Padua. We are honoured by this and, as First Citizen, I wish to express the authentic pleasure and pride that these displays of affection have brought to me and to the entire Administration. I would also like to thank immediately the representatives of the Italian-Canadian community for the attention dedicated to this project.

The twinning between two cities is not only the bureaucratization of shared expectations and of cultural, economic, industrial or ethical - after all it is what most characterizes us - interests. The institutional formalities and the ambition to do our job at its best, however, impose processes and require resources and times that, at this moment, the Municipality of Padua cannot guarantee.

However, as a symbol of an opening that in the future may be a bridge, the *twinning office* remains available - for information or to direct towards others entities in the case of specific proposals from the city of Burnaby, within the sphere of the competences of the municipality - for your delegations or your citizens who wish to be welcomed in Padua.

With the hope that this can be the first step in building a new relationship between Padua and Burnaby, I extend best regards, both mine and the city.

*The Mayor*  
*Sergio Giordani*  
