

Dear Mayor Matt Brown

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My name is Asako Tanaka and I am a representative of the Asahikawa Canada Society.

Our organization has made efforts to establish friendly relations with the Canadian people for ten years.

We are interested in making sister cities with the city of London.

Hokkaido, Japan has been sister regions with Alberta for 35 years, and has maintained a strong friendship with Alberta.

Last year a member of the Hokkaido Canada Association who lived and worked in London city recommended us to make sister cities between Asahikawa and London. She spoke with Justin Wismer, the director of London Language Institute, and professor Matt Bazely of Western University Department of Education about becoming sister cities with London.

I heard from her that they discussed it with you.

If you are interested in becoming sister cities with Asahikawa, Asahikawa city mayor Masahito Nishikawa will eagerly push forward for it.

London is the best choice as a sister city.

Because London is surrounded by rivers and forests; is an important place for land and water transportation; its history was made by pioneers; and the city of London is similar to Asahikawa.

Additionally, many Japanese people are studying and working there.

Asahikawa city has the role as the core city in Hokkaido like London city in Ontario.

Our populations are similar and both cities have a variety of art and cultures. The industrial part of our local economies plays an integral role in both cities as well.

Asahikawa city mayor Masahito Nishikawa is looking forward to making sister cities with London.

I hope that this letter will become the first step to that.

We are all waiting for your reply, and cannot wait to talk about this with you, further.

Sincerely yours,

Asahikawa Canada Society
Asako Tanaka