

Sister City Agreement Saginaw/Barrie

Between:

Barrie, Ontario, Canada

And:

Saginaw, Michigan, United States of America

Introduction:

Recognizing the benefits of fostering economic, cultural, and educational ties between cities, and aiming to promote mutual understanding and cooperation, the City of Barrie, Ontario, Canada, and the City of Saginaw, Michigan, United States, hereafter referred to as "Barrie" and "Saginaw" respectively, agree to establish a Sister City relationship.

This Sister City partnership would be a first for both on the North American continent. Our shared community assets across post-secondary, healthcare, and industry, provide a foundation of shared experience and connection. Our endeavours are to encourage the people of both communities to work in partnership and exchange ideas frequently through educational, cultural, governmental, and economic development exchanges for the progress and development of our communities.

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Sister City Agreement is to promote cooperation and exchange, aiming to elevate and enrich both communities while also fulfilling internal objectives. This sister city agreement will focus on the following objectives:

1. Economic Development (business networking and investment)
2. Trade Promotion (promote and facilitate trade)
3. Educational Exchange (programs for high schools and post-secondary)
4. Community Development (develop learning opportunities for both communities)
5. Cultural Exchange (exchanges between cultural leaders in both communities)

2. Implementation:

- Both cities will establish a Sister City Committee responsible for coordinating activities and programs between the two cities.
- The Sister City Committee will meet regularly to plan, implement, and evaluate cooperative projects and activities.

- Each city will appoint a liaison officer to facilitate communication and cooperation between the two cities.

3. Financials:

- Each city will be responsible for funding its own participation in cooperative activities and projects, unless otherwise agreed upon.

4. Duration and Review:

- This agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and shall remain in force indefinitely.
- This agreement shall be subject to review every four years to assess its effectiveness and to consider amendments or updates based on the economic objectives identified.

5. Conclusion:

Signed on this 30th day of May, 2024, in Saginaw, each copy being equally authentic.

For the City of Barrie

(Signature)

(Name)

(Title)

(Date)

For the City of Saginaw

(Signature)

(Name)

(Title)

(Date)

Recognizing the importance of fostering friendship and understanding between the City of Barrie, Ontario, Canada, and the City of Saginaw, Michigan, United States, and desiring to promote mutual cooperation and exchange in various fields, the two cities agree to establish a Sister City relationship.sss

RESOLUTION

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SISTER CITY WITH BARRIE, ONTARIO

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS: in order to foster those goals, the people of Saginaw Michigan and Barrie, Ontario, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of the communities by exploring education, economic, and cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Barrie is a cultural hub, with an emphasis on arts, historic preservation, and economic development, much like the City of Saginaw; and

WHEREAS: entering into a Sister City Agreement with Barrie, Ontario will formalize and strengthen the relationship between our two cities; and

WHEREAS: members of Saginaw City Council and other community representatives have met with representatives from Barrie, Ontario and members of their International Relations Committee over the past year to discuss the proposed Sister City Agreement; and

WHEREAS: the Saginaw City Council has concluded that the proposal meets the City's criteria for establishing a Sister City, namely:

1. Mutual improvements to the cultural, educational, and economic environment for both cities; and
2. New opportunities for exchange programs, cultural enrichment, curriculum enhancement, and economic development as a result of the relationship; and
3. From these new opportunities there should accrue direct benefits to the students of local high schools and the universities in both cities; and
4. It should be demonstrated that a sufficient number of Saginaw residents are committed to pursuing this relationship, and that such a group is also capable of representing Saginaw's interest in such a relationship; and
5. It should be demonstrated that a sufficient number of residents in the sister city are committed to, and capable of, sustaining the relationship; and
6. There should be no direct or indirect costs to the City of Saginaw; and
7. The sister city relationship should increase the harmony in Saginaw and be in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS: officials of Barrie, Ontario have expressed their own desire for a Sister City relationship with Saginaw.

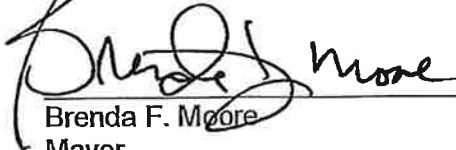
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saginaw hereby approves the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Barrie, Ontario.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the sister city agreement shall be officially established and shall become effective when this document has been duly executed by the Mayor of Saginaw, Michigan and the Mayor of Barrie, Ontario.

Ayes: Eight
Nays: None
Absent: One

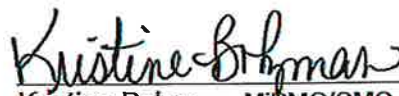

Brenda F. Moore
Mayor
City of Saginaw, Michigan


Alex Nuttall
Mayor
Barrie, Ontario

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Kristine Bolzman, City Clerk of the City of Saginaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the City of Saginaw, Saginaw County, State of Michigan, at a public meeting held on May 20, 2024; the original thereof is on file in the records of my office; the meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and minutes of this meeting were kept and will be made available as required.




Kristine Bolzman, MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk