His Worship Jeff Lehman Mayor of Barrie P.O. Box 400 70 Collier Street Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

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Dear Mr. Mayor,

In this unprecedented crisis that has been wreaking havoc on the world, I would like to send my most profound condolences to the victims of COVID-19 in Barrie. Let me also express my highest regards and respect to all the frontline workers in Barrie, as well as to those who have been engaged in the difficult management of the crisis.

Our relationship with Barrie has been fruitful, and it is our strong wish that we continue the same relationship during and after this crisis and further strengthen our ties.

We know that the road ahead is uncertain and may present many unforeseen challenges, but if there is anything that I or my staff can do to help you and/or your city during or after this difficult time, please feel free to reach out to me or my staff.

I strongly believe that, with the collaborative efforts of all the people in Ontario and Barrie, the day that the state of emergency is ended and we will be able to meet in person will come soon. Until then, please stay safe, and please remember that we are all in this together.

Yours sincerely,

ITO Takako Consul-General Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto