

## 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 \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 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.