

2018 Annual Report- Executive Summary
Burlington Mundialization Committee

Our Mission

We promote the City of Burlington as a world community by maintaining the city’s twinning relationships with Itabashi (Japan) and Apeldoorn (Netherlands). We also undertake community activities to celebrate United Nations Day in the city.

Our Structure

The Committee is structured with serving members and volunteers across three subcommittees:

Itabashi Subcommittee	Apeldoorn Subcommittee	United Nations Subcommittee
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Detailed reports on the accomplishments of each subcommittee are included in this annual report.

Message from the Chair

It is my pleasure to report a momentous year for our committee in 2018. We celebrated significant milestones all while continuing to deliver successful programmes in Burlington and our sister cities. Our members and volunteers showed tremendous dedication in hosting several marquee events to strengthen the bonds of our twinning relationships.

In May, just as hundreds of people attended our Sakura Matsuri and Art Exchange events, Burlington’s City Council proclaimed June as Itabashi Month. Our committee participated in preparations to celebrate the upcoming 30th anniversary of our twinning relationship with Itabashi next year. Construction began in November on the new Itabashi Garden and will be ready by the spring of 2019, just in time to welcome the official delegation from Itabashi. An official delegation from Burlington will also visit Itabashi next year.

Committee members accompanied a citizen’s delegation for a 10 day visit to Apeldoorn in May, just as we held our annual Canada Netherlands Friendship Day in Burlington. Award winning poet Dan Murray delivered a poem in dedication to our special relationship with Apeldoorn, a copy of which can be found at Burlington City Hall. In November, we held a Dutch-Indonesian Dinner and Games Night to sold out attendance. Proceeds from this event helped us donate \$900 towards the Red Cross relief efforts for the Indonesian Earthquake and Tsunami in September.

For United Nations Day on October 24, the 3rd Annual High School Model United Nations 101 Conference was a huge success. The event was twice over subscribed and special arrangements were made to host over 200 Halton students at the day long event. We continue to expand our membership and volunteer base through successful community outreach. This allowed us to take our Community Outreach Booths to several festivals throughout Burlington this year.

This year also marked a change in Burlington’s local government, as we elected a new Mayor and City Council. On behalf of the Burlington Mundialization Committee, I would like to welcome the new Council and look forward to working with you. Both 2019 and 2020 will have official celebrations, 30 years with Itabashi and 15 years with Apeldoorn respectively . I am also excited to continue working with our new representative, Councillor Rory Nisan, who before being elected has served diligently on our committee.

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As always, none of this is possible without the support of City Council and the City Clerk's Department, the hard work of our Mundialization Committee members and volunteers, as well as the Burlington community.

Here's to a great 2019!

Ed Dorr, Chair