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His Worship Mayor Dantzer,  
City of Edmonton  
City Hall,  
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Mayor Dantzer:

Relative to our brief conversation following the Council Meeting on June 21st, I set out below some ideas on the "twinning concept" that may be of assistance to you.

I should like to emphasize that we hope a "twin" relationship between the City of Hull and the City of Edmonton will be a venture of grass roots participation by our citizens and voluntary organizations. We feel that our citizens must be brought into our centennial celebrations in an active and rewarding manner.

It would be difficult to formulate any specific plans for the "twinning" until more is known about the level of interest among the citizens of Hull. The Edmonton Civic Centennial Committee has discussed the concept with several of our major service organizations where the idea has met with a great deal of enthusiastic response and support. There is perhaps a great deal of merit in commencing the "twinning" by an exchange of official friendship delegations which could meet with community leaders in the "Twin City" for the purpose of planning a graduated program of exchange that would climax with a major effort in 1967. Such friendship delegations could include the Mayor, civic officials, representatives from business and industry and community leaders. The delegations could generate interest in the following areas:

Service Clubs:

Most service clubs would be interested in setting up a special "Twin City" exchange committee which would work hand in hand with the sister organization in order to foster a better understanding, appreciation and mutual co-operation in their fields of endeavour.

Schools and Educational Institutions:

City schools and educational institutions could adopt a similar institution in

the "Twin City" for the purpose of an exchange of information and possibly an exchange of students and teachers. Local organizations could sponsor an essay contest as their centennial project with the winner receiving a trip to the "Twin City".

Cultural Exchanges:

Local sponsoring groups could be encouraged to bring in some of the best drama productions, shows, singers, art exhibitions, orchestras, etc. from their "Twin City". Local Art Galleries can exchange gifts.

Sports Competitions:

Several major sports competitions could be organized between cities and a special memorial "Twin City Centennial Cup" could be awarded at some major event during 1967.

Research Exchange:

Educational, scientific, municipal and social research programs can be exchanged or undertaken jointly for the mutual benefit of both cities.

Tourism:

Tourist officials could encourage exchange visits. Banks and savings institutions could provide special savings plans designed to meet the cost of a "Twin City" visit. Local organizations could arrange group visits.

Libraries:

Public Libraries could arrange special "Twin City" displays or sections giving emphasis to the history and development of the "Twin City".

Family Adoption:

An adoption Bureau could be established that would bring families in our cities in contact with one and another for the purpose of exchanging correspondence, home-movies, tape recordings, etc. leading up to possible exchange visits.

Centennial Year Program:

Some special exchange program between the cities should climax our centennial celebrations in 1967. Such program should be worked out jointly by the centennial committees of both cities.

As you can see from the above, which just points out some of the possibilities open to us, a "Twinning" relationship can provide an exciting stimulus to our Canadian way of life with the necessary effort and co-operation.

His Worship, Mayor Dantzer,  
City of Edmonton.

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In addition to the above we have arranged the preparation of a scroll enscribed with an official proclamation in French which we trust you will sign and forward to the Mayor of the City of Hull. The scroll should be ready the second week of June and it carries the following text in English:

- WHEREAS, the celebration of Canada's Centenary is an occasion to exemplify the friendships and bonds uniting our Canadian people, and
- WHEREAS, the citizens of Edmonton would like to extend their warm friendship and spirit of co-operation to the citizens of Hull in order to sustain and re-inforce our common heritage and destiny, and
- WHEREAS, the Edmonton City Council on the 21st of June, 1965, unanimously agreed to adopt the City of Hull as Edmonton's Twin City,

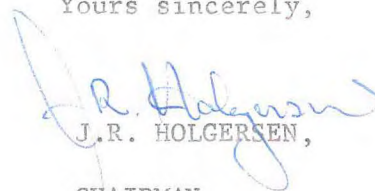
Therefore,

I, Vincent M. Dantzer, Mayor of the City of Edmonton, do hereby proclaim the City of Hull to be Edmonton's Twin City and I urge all our citizens to participate in a dynamic sharing arrangement between our cities involving all the things we cherish as Canadians.

Should you wish to make changes in this proposed proclamation please advise us at your earliest convenience.

As we are attempting to arrange a friendship delegation to visit Hull during the early part of August I would appreciate your advise on dates convenient for you.

Yours sincerely,

  
J.R. HOLGERSEN,  
CHAIRMAN.