

# A Sister City Agreement

between cities of

Lloydminster, Alberta, Canada & Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Ukraine

## *Preamble*

In recognition of the special relationship between Lloydminster, Canada and Nikopol, Ukraine, each community desires to document and solidify its commitment to the other. This Sister City Agreement between the cities of Lloydminster and Nikopol outlines our mutual commitment to the development of active and meaningful relationships between our residents, businesses and community organizations. In order to create a long-term and productive sister city relationship, we therefore agree that:

## *Purpose of Agreement*

We will foster mutual understanding and plan joint efforts in the areas of art, culture, education, sports, youth affairs, energy, tourism, urban planning, infrastructure, environment, public health, and business.

We will assist individual citizens and community groups to co-operate and network. Lloydminster may offer recommendations for efficient and effective governance reforms.

We will support exchange visits between our cities. Specifically, Lloydminster will provide cultural exchanges featuring sports like hockey and soccer and other parts of Canadian history and society. Invitations to individuals to participate in the Calgary Stampede may also be offered. Nikopol in turn will provide cultural exchanges featuring sports like soccer, volleyball and boxing as well as offer Ukrainian language courses and lectures on the Zaporozhian Cossacks and Zaporozhian Sich histories. Nikopol welcomes participation in two annual historical and cultural festivals, "Bogdan Khmelnytsky: Birth of the State" and "Heart of the Great Scyphia". These exchanges will be mutually beneficial and may include items for community use (such as fire trucks or ambulances). In addition, Lloydminster will offer its experience on best practices through non-governmental organizations (such as Rotarians, Lions Clubs, Habitat for Humanity). Nikopol will offer to share its experience in providing free social services through public libraries.

We will develop strong educational links through exchange programs for school students and teachers. Nikopol will offer the Adult Learning Center's programs that develop communities through informal education according to the concept of lifelong learning. Trade workers will be offered to intern in Lloydminster's businesses, hospitals, and schools. Nikopol will offer similar intern opportunities for Lloydminster residents. Historical and religious artifacts may be exhibited in the sister cities.

We will work to explore economic development possibilities and new business opportunities with the participation of residents in both cities. Lloydminster offers to share its experience in best business practices from an ethical and community-oriented perspective.

***General Terms***

This Agreement does not create a binding obligation between the Parties.

The activities under this Agreement would be undertaken in prior consultation with the respective municipalities.

This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of signature by the Parties and shall remain in force unless terminated by either Party. Termination may come at any time and neither Party is required to give notice of termination.

This Agreement does not entail any financial commitments on either the part of Lloydminster or Nikopol.

This Agreement is available in both English and Ukrainian. Both are equally authentic.

For Lloydminster \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Nikopol \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_