

Twin City Protocol

Whereas, we the undersigned, as chief executives of our respective communities, the cities of Maia, Portugal and Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, in the spirit of mutual appreciation and collaboration hereby enter into this agreement to link formally as Sister Cities; and

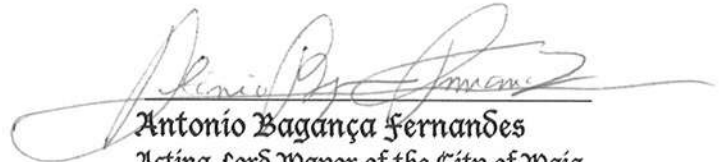
Whereas, The purposes of the Sister city relationship is to promote educational and cultural exchanges, and other cooperative ventures which will enrich the lives of our citizens and enhance international understanding and appreciation; and

Whereas, The governments and residents of our two cities envision expansion of cultural exchanges and programs to foster friendship, business development and dimensions of mutual interest; and

Whereas, That our respective governments and citizens hereby incorporate the purpose and programs stated above; we pledge to further develop new ventures, develop exchange programs deemed desirable and feasible to both communities; and, commit within the limits of our respective statutes and budgets, the necessary resources to accomplish the aim of this Agreement and any supplemental agreements derived therefrom.



Stephen E. Butland, Mayor
City of Sault Ste. Marie



António Bagança Fernandes
Acting Lord Mayor of the City of Maia

Signed in the presence of His Excellency José Manuel Duarte de Jesus, Ambassador of Portugal to Canada and many other personalities as witnesses, and affixed with the seal of our respective cities on this 18th day of August, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.



His Excellency José Manuel Duarte de Jesus
Ambassador of Portugal