

## **Welcome - Culver City and Great Falls Delegations May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Extending the hand of friendship across international borders is important and this is just what will take place next week. Members of the Lethbridge Twinning Society are busy preparing to receive an 8 person delegation from our Sister City, Culver City, California. The delegation, headed by Ms. Sonia Karroum, President of the Culver City Sister City Committee, will arrive in Lethbridge on May 24<sup>th</sup> and will be here in the community for four days. Mr. Michael Bennett, Director of Culver City Relations with the Lethbridge Twinning Society has a busy itinerary planned for the visit. City tours, cultural events, trips to Fort McLeod and Waterton are all on the agenda. President of the Lethbridge Twinning Society, Harold Pereverseff notes that the Culver City delegation is well rounded, and consists of the Mayor of Culver City, Mr. Jim Clarke, former Culver City Mayor, Mr. Edward Wolkowitz, and Culver City, "Youth Ambassador" Miss Kelli Reitzfeld along with members of the Culver City Sister Committee. The relationship with Culver City began in 1989 and has been continuously active in promoting cultural, peace, goodwill and understanding. A welcome reception will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will honour our long standing relationship with Culver City as well, we will have guests from our newest Sister City, Great Falls, Montana representing the City of Great Falls, will be Ms. Kay Silk of the Advisory Commission on International Relations. We trust that our twinning relations with Great Falls will be as successful as they have been with Culver City. We are honoured that MP Rachael Harder will be in attendance at the reception as will the newly appointed Consul General for the United States of America, from Calgary, Mr. Tom Palaia.

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