

FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

Vũng Tàu,
Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province, Vietnam

- and -

Strathcona County,
Alberta, Canada

WHEREAS:

- A. Strathcona County representatives have previously visited Vũng Tàu, with a donation of a playground located at front Beach (Bãi Trước) in 2010;
- B. The Vietnamese Ambassador to Canada marked the friendship between Vũng Tàu and Strathcona County by visiting in March 2018;
- C. Canada and Vietnam will celebrate 50 years of positive diplomatic relations in 2023 marking the establishment of the Canadian Embassy in Hanoi;
- D. Vietnam has been Canada's largest trading partner of all the members of The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) since 2015; and
- E. Strathcona County and Vũng Tàu desire to enter into a Friendship Agreement for the purposes of forging strong and enduring relations between their communities.

NOW THEREFORE this Friendship Agreement sets out the intent of Strathcona County (the "County") and Vũng Tàu to further develop their economic and cultural relationship as follows:

- 1. The parties will:
 - a. actively identify and evaluate opportunities to support recreational betterment in each other's communities;
 - b. strive to facilitate conversations between the County's Chamber of Commerce and members of the Vũng Tàu business community to explore economic opportunities;
 - c. encourage and coordinate cultural exchange and tourism opportunities;
 - d. explore the potential for and facilitate other types of exchanges between their respective communities when appropriate; and
 - e. promote public awareness of this Friendship Agreement.

2. This Friendship Agreement is not legally binding on the parties; however, it is intended to set a framework for exploring and building a mutually beneficial relationship between the County and Vũng Tàu.
3. This Agreement expires on July 2nd, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties acknowledge this Friendship Agreement, on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Vũng Tàu Per: <hr/> Signature <hr/> Name <hr/> Title	Strathcona County Per: <hr/> Signature Mavis Nathoo <hr/> Name Director, Legislative and Legal Services <hr/> Title
Per: (additional signatory if required) <hr/> Signature <hr/> Name <hr/> Title	Per: <hr/> Signature <hr/> Name <hr/> Title