

Hamilton Mundialization Committee



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- ▶ The **Hamilton Mundialization Committee** (*HMC*) is a council mandated advisory committee of the City of Hamilton.
- ▶ The **mundialization** movement was born in **Hiroshima, Japan** in 1945. The surviving citizens of this city devastated by the world's first atomic bomb signified their resolve to work for a world federation which would make forever impossible a repetition of the tragedy which their city had undergone.
- ▶ On May 8, 1968, the City of Hamilton, by a resolution of Council, and witnessed by the Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, was declared a World (Mundialized) City.

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The purpose of the Committee shall be:

- ▶ to promote Hamilton as "A World (Mundialized) City" dedicated to global awareness, international cooperation and world law
- ▶ to further the work of the United Nations through publicity and education and to have the United Nations flag flown with the Canadian flag at City Hall at all times
- ▶ to undertake twinning programs in international cooperation with like-minded municipalities in this and other countries to foster an understanding of the increasing interdependence of the municipalities, peoples and countries of the world
- ▶ to involve Hamilton citizens of different cultures, especially those from the countries of our sister communities, to share in our multicultural programs
- ▶ to include representatives from City Council in the Committee for implementing the above programs.

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Who are we (Term: 2018-2022)

- ▶ Anthony Macaluso, Chair
- ▶ Rosemary Baptista, Vice Chair
- ▶ Rein Ende
- ▶ Jan Lukas
- ▶ Robert Semkow
- ▶ Patricia Semkow
- ▶ Clr. Arlene VanderBeek (City Council Representative)
- ▶ Mayor Fred Eisenberger (Honorary Member)

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▶ OUR TEN TWIN CITIES:

▶ SHAWINIGAN, QC, CANADA (1958)



- ▶ Initiated by Mayor Lloyd Jackson and Shawinigan's mayor, after a Canadian municipalities conference, where such French-English twinnings were encouraged

▶ KAGA, JAPAN (1968)



- ▶ Initiated through the former town of Dundas. We continue an exchange program, sending students to each other's community annually.

▶ MANGALORE, INDIA (1968)



- ▶ Initiated by Hamilton residents from Mangalore approached then-mayor Vic Copps.

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▶ FUKUYAMA, JAPAN (1976)



- ▶ Initiated by Hamilton residents from Japan who approached then-mayor Vic Copps.

▶ RACALMUTO, SICILY, ITALY (1986)



- ▶ Initiated by Hamilton residents from Racalmuto who approached then-mayor Robert Morrow. Nearly 30,000 Hamiltonians trace their ancestry to this town!

▶ MA' ANSHAN, CHINA (1987)



- ▶ Initiated when many Canadian cities were twinning with China. Some Hamilton business ties.

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- ▶ FLINT, MICHIGAN, USA (1987)



- ▶ Initiated and influenced by Flint & Hamilton's annual CANUSA Games

- ▶ SARASOTA, FLORIDA, USA (1991)



- ▶ Initiated by the city of Sarasota

- ▶ VALLE PELIGNA, ABRUZZO, ITALY (1990)



- ▶ Initiated by Hamilton residents from Abruzzo. First with town of Gagliano, now includes several nearby towns.

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- ▶ MONTERREY, MEXICO (1993)



- ▶ Initiated by the city of Hamilton as a result of connections in the Steel industry.

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MUNDIALIZATION ACTIVITIES:

- ▶ BI-ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST
- ▶ BI-ANNUAL WORLD CITIZENSHIP AWARD
- ▶ CULTURAL EXCHANGES
- ▶ STUDENT EXCHANGES
- ▶ DISPLAYS AND COMMEMORATIONS
- ▶ HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI MEMORIAL

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WHERE WE WANT TO GO AND/OR CONTINUE TO DO:

- ▶ PROMOTE TWIN-CITY INITIATIVES
- ▶ PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT PEACE INITIATIVES
- ▶ CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY
- ▶ SUPPORT THE GREAT WORK OF OTHER COMMITTEES AND LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITES FOR SYNERGY
- ▶ BE OPEN TO ANY AND ALL IDEAS THAT AIM TO HELP BETTER OUR COMMUNITY FOR ALL