



The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi Mayor of Edmonton 2nd Floor, City Hall 1 Sir Winston Churchill Square EDMONTON, Alberta T5J 2R7 Canada

Bergen op Zoom, August 21, 2023

Dear Mayor Sohi,

Earlier this week I sent you a letter with a cheerful note. Afterall the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Bond of Friendship justifies such a letter. Today I read an article in one of our newspapers, which encouraged me to write you this letter.

For some time Canada is ravaged by devastating forest fires. The scale of this calamity is nearly incomprehensible. The fires effect both nature and society. In the newspaper article mentioned above, a photo was printed of you and PM Trudeau. This photo underlines the seriousness of the situation very clearly. Apparently the region of Edmonton is also plagued by the forest fires or highly affected by the consequences of this disaster. As I understood, Edmonton plays a key role in the reception of refugees and people who lost their home and property.

Dear Mr. Mayor, on behalf of the Bergen op Zoom city council and the Bergen op Zoom community I would like to support you, your city council and the people of Edmonton and Alberta. Once the smoke has cleared, I wish you and your community the strength to rebuild your lives, homes and future.

Yours sincerely

Drs. Maro Mulder (MSc) Mayor of Bergen op Zoom

