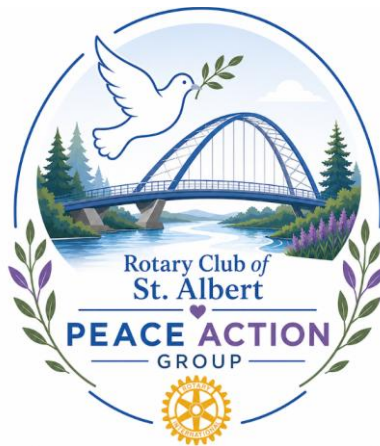


International City of Peace

City of St. Albert

July 2026



Together, We Build Peace

CITY OF ST. ALBERT INTERNATIONAL CITY OF PEACE

Building Peace Through Service, Dialogue, Collaboration and community Action

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of St. Albert International City of Peace Initiative is a collaborative movement dedicated to fostering a culture of peace, inclusion, reconciliation, wellbeing, resilience, and sustainable prosperity for all residents.

The city of St. Albert is a vibrant and growing community known for its strong quality of life, rich heritage, active civic life, parks, trails, arts, culture, and community service. Rooted in a history of connection and situated along the Sturgeon River valley, St. Albert is well positioned to advance peacebuilding through dialogue, youth engagement, reconciliation, inclusion, service, and collaboration.

The initiative is supported by the Rotary Club of St. Albert, a long-standing community service organization guided by Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. For more than three decades, the club has contributed to the community through volunteer service, youth programs, scholarships, food security support, accessibility and inclusion initiatives, community recognition programs, Rotary Youth Exchange, and major community impact projects such as its support for AdaptAbilities' expansion into St. Albert and Sturgeon County.

Grounded in the principles of International Cities of Peace, Rotary International's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Area of Focus, and the Rotary Peace Action Group, this initiative brings together residents, businesses, educators, faith groups, community organizations, service clubs, and municipal leaders around a shared commitment to building peace through service, dialogue, collaboration, and community action.

This Strategic Plan provides the foundation for St. Albert's application to the International Cities of Peace network and demonstrates a community commitment to advancing peace through shared vision, partnership, and action. It will also serve as a guiding framework for the City of Peace initiative, supporting implementation, sustainability, and ongoing community engagement.

Sincerely,

Darija Slokar
Rotary Club of St. Albert Past President 2025/26 and Chair, Peace Action Group
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1. PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE

The St. Albert International City of Peace Initiative turns the community's commitment to peace into practical action by strengthening belonging, reconciliation, youth leadership, wellbeing, and sustainable partnerships.

Inspired by Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self, the initiative recognizes service, dialogue, collaboration, and compassionate leadership as pathways to a more peaceful, inclusive, and connected St. Albert.

Through collective action, the initiative seeks to foster understanding, strengthen relationships, and create lasting positive impact for present and future generations.

2. ABOUT THE CITY OF ST. ALBERT

The City of St. Albert is a vibrant and growing community located northwest of Edmonton in Alberta's capital region. Home to approximately 74,730 residents, St. Albert is recognized for its strong quality of life, rich heritage, active civic life, and deep connection to parks, trails, arts, culture, and community service.

Founded in 1861 as a Métis settlement by Father Albert Lacombe, St. Albert has a long and meaningful history rooted in community, faith, culture, and connection to the Sturgeon River valley. Today, the city continues to honour its heritage while growing as an inclusive, family-oriented, and community-minded urban centre.

St. Albert is known as one of Alberta's most beautiful communities, with extensive parks, more than 85 kilometres of trails, and approximately 1,100 acres of green space. These natural and public gathering spaces support wellbeing, connection, recreation, and a strong sense of belonging among residents.

The city also has a strong cultural and civic identity, with St. Albert Place serving as a central hub for municipal, cultural, artistic, and community activity. Together with its schools, service clubs, community organizations, cultural groups, businesses, faith communities, and engaged residents, St. Albert is well positioned to advance peacebuilding through service, dialogue, reconciliation, youth engagement, inclusion, and collaboration.

3. ABOUT ROTARY CLUB OF ST. ALBERT

The Rotary Club of St. Albert is a community service organization made up of local leaders, volunteers, and community-minded members committed to making a positive difference in St. Albert and beyond. Guided by Rotary's motto of Service Above Self, the club supports initiatives that strengthen community wellbeing, promote goodwill, and create opportunities for connection, leadership, and service.

For more than three decades, the club has contributed to St. Albert through volunteer service, youth programs, community grants, scholarships, food security support, accessibility and inclusion initiatives, and partnerships with local organizations. Major club-supported initiatives include the St. Albert Rotary Music Festival, Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Interact and Rotaract youth leadership programs, student scholarships, ongoing support for the St. Albert Food Bank, the Teacher of the Month Program, and local and international service projects.

The club has also undertaken significant community impact projects, including its 35th Anniversary Signature Project: a \$100,000 commitment to support AdaptAbilities' expansion into St. Albert and Sturgeon County, helping increase access to services for individuals with disabilities and their families. The Club also supported St. Albert FoodBank's warehouse expansion and Salvation Army kitchen renovation.

The Rotary Club of St. Albert is a registered Peacebuilding Club with the Rotarian Action Group for Peace and is committed to advancing Rotary's mission of world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Through its active Peace Action Group, the club educates, engages and empowers community members, supports peacebuilding, and leads initiatives that strengthen community connection and promote a culture of peace. The Peace Action Group guided by a three-year workplan to ensure its peacebuilding activities are organized, intentional, and sustainable.

As part of the City of St. Albert International City of Peace Initiative, the Rotary Club of St. Albert brings a strong foundation of service, partnership, youth engagement, inclusion, peacebuilding, and community leadership. Its long-standing commitment to collaborative action makes the club a natural partner in advancing reconciliation, belonging, positive peace, and community connection in St. Albert.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision

A compassionate, inclusive, and resilient community where peace is built through service, dialogue, belonging, and shared responsibility.

Mission

To advance peacebuilding in St. Albert through collaboration, education, reconciliation, service, and community-led action.

Core Beliefs

Peace Is Active - Built through compassion, justice, dialogue, and service.

Every Person Has Value - Inclusive communities thrive when diverse people and perspectives are welcomed and respected.

Dialogue Builds Understanding - Listening and respectful communication strengthen communities.

Youth Shape Peaceful Futures - Young people are essential leaders and changemakers.

Reconciliation Matters - Healing and respectful relationships create lasting peace.

Collaboration Creates Change - Peacebuilding requires collective leadership and partnership.

Peace Includes Wellbeing - Healthy people, communities, and environments are interconnected.

Guiding Principles

Inclusion and Equity - We welcome diverse voices and promote opportunity for all.

Collaboration and Service - We build peace through partnership and service above self.

Compassion and Reconciliation - We lead with empathy, healing, and respect.

Sustainability and Accountability - We pursue long-term impact through responsible action.



5. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: Connect and Empower Community

Goal: Strengthen belonging, participation, leadership, and connection across the community.

Key Initiatives

- Rotary Peacebuilding and Understand Week and International Day of Peace Celebrations
- Visible Peace Installations
- Community dialogues and listening circles
- Youth Peace Ambassador Program and Local Government Education Program
- Arts, storytelling, interfaith and cultural exchange and engagement
- Volunteerism, collaborative service projects and volunteer recognition

PRIORITY 2: Advance Peacebuilding, Reconciliation, and Wellbeing

Goal: Promote healing, understanding, safety, and resilience through education, reconciliation, and community support.

Key Initiatives

- Peace literacy and peacebuilding education
- Indigenous partnerships and Truth and Reconciliation initiatives
- Violence prevention and community safety partnerships
- Environmental stewardship and sustainability



PRIORITY 3: Build Sustainable Peace Partnerships and Leadership

Goal: Develop collaborative leadership structures that sustain long-term peacebuilding impact.

Key Initiatives

- Establish City of Peace Network
- Multi-sector partnerships
- Rotary leadership engagement
- Municipal collaboration and civic recognition
- Funding and sponsorship development
- Measurement and reporting frameworks
- Annual community peace reporting

6. CURRENT PEACEBUILDING WORK ALIGNED WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The St. Albert International City of Peace Initiative builds on peacebuilding work already underway through the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group. These initiatives demonstrate a practical, community-based commitment to peace through education, youth engagement, reconciliation, public awareness, service, visible peace actions, and sustainable community partnerships.

Organizing the current work under the strategic priorities shows how existing initiatives directly support the broader vision for St. Albert as an International City of Peace. It also demonstrates that the initiative is grounded in real action, community leadership, and long-term commitment.

Priority 1: Connect and Empower Community

This priority focuses on strengthening belonging, participation, leadership, and connection across the community. Current initiatives under this priority help bring people together, create opportunities for shared participation, and make peace visible in everyday community life.

1. International Peace Day Event

The International Peace Day Event recognizes International Peace Day in St. Albert through a community gathering at Rotary Park and Peace Pledge. The event includes participation from other service groups, music, dance, food, and opportunities for community connection.

This initiative supports community connection by creating a visible and welcoming public celebration of peace. It brings residents together around shared values of service, dialogue, belonging, and wellbeing.

2. Visible Peace Installations

Visible peace installations, such as the Peace Pole, provide public symbols of peace, inclusion, and shared community commitment. The Peace Pole initiative has been approved, with next steps including coordination with the City and completion of required installation requirements.

These installations help make peace visible in the community and create opportunities for reflection, education, celebration, and public awareness. Installation may be aligned with International Peace Day to create a meaningful community moment.

3. Peacebuilding and Understanding Week Proclamation

The Peace Week Proclamation recognizes the week of Rotary International Day as Peacebuilding and Understanding Week. This initiative includes presentation of the proclamation by the Mayor of the City of St. Albert during the Community Paul Harris Event, an event that recognizes community members for their contribution to the community.

In 2026, the initiative also included lighting City Hall in white and blue to recognize Peace and Understanding Week. This public recognition helps raise awareness and visibility of peacebuilding in the community.

Priority 2: Advance Peacebuilding, Reconciliation, and Wellbeing

This priority focuses on promoting healing, understanding, safety, resilience, reconciliation, and wellbeing through education, dialogue, creative expression, and community support. Current initiatives under this priority create learning opportunities for children, youth, and the broader community.

1. Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Rotary Youth Exchange promotes peace through intercultural understanding, youth leadership, and global friendship. By learning from different cultures and communities, students become ambassadors for dialogue, respect, and peace.

2. Peace Literacy Program

The Peace Literacy Program introduces elementary school children to the concepts of peace, inclusion, belonging, and kindness through reading, discussion, and creative card making. Students read *All Are Welcome*, participate in a conversation about what peace means and how everyone can contribute to it, and create a card to take home.

This initiative supports early peace education by helping children understand respect, inclusion, and their own role in building peaceful communities. Sessions are planned to align with Peace and Understanding Week in February and International Peace Day in September.

3. Youth Peace Literacy and Leadership

The Youth Peace literacy and leadership initiative engages youth in facilitated conversations about positive peace and how young people can contribute to inclusive, respectful, and supportive communities. Youth are invited to express their understanding of peace through creative art forms such as writing, painting, drawing, pottery, music, dance, or other forms of expression.

The program connects peacebuilding education with youth voice and creativity. Artwork created through the workshops may be displayed at City Hall during Culture Days, providing a public platform for youth perspectives on peace.

Priority 3: Build Sustainable Peace Partnerships and Leadership

This priority focuses on creating the partnerships, leadership structures, resources, and accountability needed to sustain long-term peacebuilding impact. Current initiatives under this priority help ensure that peacebuilding work is organized, supported, and positioned for continued growth.

1. City of Peace Initiative

The City of Peace Initiative is focused on preparing St. Albert to apply for recognition as an International City of Peace. Current work includes developing a strategic plan, preparing for the application process, and planning for future celebration and public recognition.

This initiative brings together the Peace Action Group's existing work into a broader community vision, positioning St. Albert as a city committed to peace through service, dialogue, reconciliation, inclusion, youth leadership, and sustainable partnerships.

2. Fundraising, Grants, and Community Support

The Peace Action Group undertakes fundraising, grant applications, and community engagement activities to support the delivery of peacebuilding programs. Sources such as St. Albert Culture Days funding, card-making workshops and sales, peace-themed merchandise, and community-based fundraising help generate resources for peace literacy, youth workshops, public awareness, visible peace installations, and other local peace initiatives.

These activities strengthen sustainability by engaging residents in creative, service-based ways while helping ensure that peacebuilding programs can continue over time.

3. Peace Action Group Workplan and Leadership

The Peace Action Group Workplan provides an organizing structure for current and future peacebuilding activities. It identifies initiatives, timelines, and responsibilities, supporting accountability and coordinated implementation.

This ongoing planning process strengthens leadership, partnership development, and long-term sustainability for the City of Peace initiative.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS, AND MEASUREMENT

The City of St. Albert International City of Peace Initiative will be advanced through community engagement, partnership development, and practical measurement. Peacebuilding is most effective when it reflects the voices, strengths, and contributions of the whole community.

The initiative will seek participation from residents, Indigenous communities, youth, schools, service clubs, cultural groups, faith communities, businesses, nonprofit organizations, municipal representatives, and community leaders. Collaboration with municipal government will continue to be important to support public awareness, community participation, civic recognition, and alignment with St. Albert's broader commitment to inclusion, wellbeing, and quality of life.

Engagement will include community conversations, public events, youth activities, school partnerships, intercultural and interfaith dialogue, Indigenous learning opportunities, and collaboration with organizations that share a commitment to peace, inclusion, reconciliation, wellbeing, and service.

Progress will be measured through simple and meaningful indicators, including:

Area	Example Measures
Community Engagement	Participation in events, dialogues, and activities
Youth Leadership	Youth involved in workshops, art projects, exchange, and leadership opportunities
Peace Education	Peace literacy sessions, workshops, and school partnerships
Reconciliation and Inclusion	Indigenous learning, intercultural, and interfaith activities
Public Awareness	Proclamations, peace installations, media, and outreach
Partnerships	Community partners, service clubs, schools, businesses, and organizations engaged
Sustainability	Funding, grants, sponsorships, volunteer hours, and in-kind support

A simple annual progress update will summarize activities completed, partners involved, residents and youth engaged, resources secured, lessons learned, and priorities for the following year. This will support accountability, continuous improvement, and St. Albert's application to the International Cities of Peace network.

8. IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Phase	Timeline	Focus
Phase 1	2025–2026	Build foundation, partnerships, education and literacy programs, peace celebration, peace pole installation and peace week proclamation.
Phase 2	2026–2027	Submit ICP application, expand youth and community initiatives.
Phase 3	2027 onward	Sustain partnerships, annual reporting, community peace events.

9. CLOSING STATEMENT

The City of St. Albert International City of Peace Initiative brings together a clear strategic plan, meaningful peacebuilding initiatives, some already in progress, broad community engagement, and a shared commitment to pursuing recognition as an International City of Peace.

Together, the strategic priorities, current initiatives, partnerships, and measurement approach demonstrate that St. Albert is actively building a foundation for peace through community connection, peace education, youth engagement, reconciliation, public awareness, visible peace actions, sustainable partnerships, service, and accountability.

This work shows that the application for International City of Peace recognition is not simply symbolic. This work is grounded in existing action, community leadership, municipal collaboration, ongoing engagement, and a long-term vision for a more compassionate, inclusive, resilient, and peaceful St. Albert.



10. Support Letters



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September 1, 2026

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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the City of St. Albert and St. Albert City Council, I am pleased to offer support for the community-led application for St. Albert to become an International City of Peace.

As Alberta's oldest non-fortified community, St. Albert has a proud history rooted in community, service, and connection. Our city has grown through the efforts of residents, businesses, schools, faith communities, service organizations, and volunteers who work together to create a welcoming, inclusive, and caring community.

Peace is reflected in the relationships we build, the diversity we celebrate, and our commitment to ensuring all residents have the opportunity to thrive. Through community engagement, volunteerism, support for wellbeing, inclusion, and ongoing efforts toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, St. Albert continues to foster a culture of respect, understanding, and belonging.

I would like to recognize the leadership of the Rotary Club of St. Albert and its Peace Action Group in bringing forward this initiative and engaging community partners in a shared vision for peace. Their efforts exemplify the collaborative spirit that is one of St. Albert's greatest strengths.

The City of St. Albert recognizes that building a culture of peace requires ongoing commitment, collaboration, and community leadership. We look forward to continuing to work alongside community organizations, businesses, educational institutions, service groups, and residents to strengthen the connections that make our community resilient and vibrant.

We believe recognition as an International City of Peace would meaningfully reflect the values that define St. Albert and would further inspire collective efforts to build a more inclusive, compassionate, and connected future.

I am proud to endorse this application and the vision it represents for St. Albert.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Olivieri
Mayor, City of St. Albert



St. Albert Host Lions Club

Serving the Community since 1951



St. Albert Host Lions
St. Albert, AB

June 2, 2026

To: International Cities of Peace

Re: Letter of Support for St. Albert's International City of Peace Application
To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of **St. Albert Host Lions**, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application being led by the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group for St. Albert to become an International City of Peace. We understand that this initiative is a community-led effort to build a stronger culture of peace in St. Albert through inclusion, reconciliation, youth engagement, wellbeing, community connection, service, and collaboration.

As a community and global service organization we believe this initiative aligns with the values and priorities that help make St. Albert a welcoming, compassionate, and connected community.

Our organization currently contributes to peace and community wellbeing through our global causes – Environment, Hunger, Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian efforts, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Health and Wellness/Mental Health. Our club sponsors & serves the St. Albert Air Cadets 70 years and other projects are - Lions Peace Poster, Maple Leaf Project, Scholarships, Music Festival bursaries, Further Education/English for Newcomers, partnerships with Seniors Centre, GenWell, SCOSA, Soapbox Derby, St. Albert Backyard Gardens, Lacombe Park Community Gardens, Library, Legion and Salvation Army, City of St. Albert tree planting, Lions Park. We did Cultural Gatherings, with presentations from different countries, fostering peace and understanding and promoting inclusion and diversity. Our members are representative of the number of cultures – again embracing diversity and inclusion. Internationally members have participated in the Lions Conversation on Peace with our past International President Dr. Patti Hill, an initiative she started 5 years ago which consists of worldwide zooms 3 times a year with global Lions. Lions celebrate 80 years of partnership with the United Nations during Lions Day at the UN Headquarters. This event commemorates our long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the U.N. dating back to 1945, when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the U.N. #LDUN. We recognize that peace is built through everyday actions, respectful relationships, shared responsibility, and partnerships across all sectors. We support this application because it will help:

- strengthen belonging and inclusion;
- encourage dialogue, understanding, and collaboration;
- promote youth leadership and peace education;
- advance reconciliation and cultural understanding;
- build stronger partnerships among community organizations, residents, service groups, schools, businesses, faith communities, and municipal partners;
- and create a shared framework for long-term peacebuilding in St. Albert.

Our organization is pleased to support the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group in advancing this application and its vision of St. Albert as a community where all people feel safe, valued, included, and empowered to contribute to peace.

We look forward to opportunities to participate, collaborate, and support peacebuilding efforts as the initiative moves forward.

Sincerely,

President Geoff Shelton
St. Albert Host Lions
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President Geoff Shelton
Secretary Claude Carignan
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June 10, 2026

To: International Cities of Peace

Re: Letter of Support for St. Albert's International City of Peace Application

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Fraternal Order of Eagles 2102, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application being led by the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group for St. Albert to become an International City of Peace.

We understand that this initiative is a community-led effort to build a stronger culture of peace in St. Albert through inclusion, reconciliation, youth engagement, wellbeing, community connection, service, and collaboration.

As a community organization serving St. Albert & Edmonton area, we believe this initiative aligns with the values and priorities that help make St. Albert a welcoming, compassionate, and connected community.

Our organization currently contributes to peace and community wellbeing through our fund raising for SAIF, YESS, STARS, Glenrose Hospital, Stollery Children's hospital just to name a few. Our motto is "People Helping People" Volunteering is a daily routine for our members. Our main partnership is a collaboration with Rockn August, a community volunteering fund raiser for the Alberta Diabetes Association.

We recognize that peace is built through everyday actions, respectful relationships, shared responsibility, and partnerships across all sectors. We support this application because it will help:

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Our organization is pleased to support the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group in advancing this application and its vision of St. Albert as a community where all people feel safe, valued, included, and empowered to contribute to peace.

We look forward to opportunities to participate, collaborate, and support peacebuilding efforts as the initiative moves forward.

Sincerely,

Doug Kennedy
Worthy secretary
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"People Helping People"
Committed to cultivating a strong sense of community



July 10, 2026

To: International Cities of Peace

Re: Letter of Support for St. Albert's International City of Peace Application

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application being led by the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group for St. Albert to become an International City of Peace.

We understand that this initiative is a community-led effort to build a stronger culture of peace in St. Albert through inclusion, reconciliation, youth engagement, wellbeing, community connection, service, and collaboration.

As the Chamber representing and supporting local businesses in St. Albert, we work to strengthen the economic and social fabric of our community, connecting business owners, fostering collaboration, and helping create a place where people want to live, work, and grow. We believe this initiative lines up well with the values and priorities that make St. Albert a welcoming, compassionate, and connected community.

Our organization contributes to community wellbeing through our events and programming, our advocacy work on behalf of local business, the St. Albert Farmers' Market, our local ChamberPerks App program, that keeps spending in the community, our Job Connector service supporting local employment, and the everyday relationships we build across St. Albert's business, non-profit, and municipal sectors.

We recognize that peace is built through everyday actions, respectful relationships, shared responsibility, and partnerships across all sectors. We support this application because it will help:

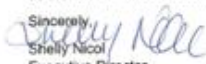
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- and create a shared framework for long-term peacebuilding in St. Albert.

Our organization is pleased to support the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group in advancing this application and its vision of St. Albert as a community where all people feel safe, valued, included, and empowered to contribute to peace.



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We look forward to opportunities to participate, collaborate, and support peacebuilding efforts as the initiative moves forward.

Sincerely,

Shelly Nicol
Executive Director



June 21, 2026

To: International Cities of Peace

Re: Letter of Support for St. Albert's International City of Peace Application

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the **Africans & African Descendants Friendship Club of St Albert (AADFC)**; I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application being led by the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group for St. Albert to become an International City of Peace.

We understand that this initiative is a community-led effort to build a stronger culture of peace in St. Albert through inclusion, reconciliation, youth engagement, wellbeing, community connection, service, and collaboration.

As a community organization serving **people of African, Caribbean and black in St Albert**, we believe this initiative aligns with the values and priorities that help make St. Albert a welcoming, compassionate, and connected community.

AADFC contributes to peace and community wellbeing in St. Albert by creating opportunities for people of diverse backgrounds to connect, learn, and build meaningful relationships. Through cultural education, youth mentorship, newcomer support, volunteerism, and community events, AADFC fosters belonging, inclusion, and mutual understanding. These efforts help strengthen social cohesion and create a more welcoming and resilient community for all.

We recognize that peace is built through everyday actions, respectful relationships, shared responsibility, and partnerships across all sectors. We support this application because it will help:

- strengthen belonging and inclusion;
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- promote youth leadership and peace education;
- advance reconciliation and cultural understanding;
- build stronger partnerships among community organizations, residents, service groups, schools, businesses, faith communities, and municipal partners;
- and create a shared framework for long-term peacebuilding in St. Albert.

Our organization is pleased to support the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group in advancing this application and its vision of St. Albert as a community where all people feel safe, valued, included, and empowered to contribute to peace.

We look forward to opportunities to participate, collaborate, and support peacebuilding efforts as the initiative moves forward.

Sincerely,

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Africans & African Descendants Friendship Club of St Albert
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July 27, 2026

Rotary Club of St. Albert
Peace Action Group

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the St. Albert Community Village and Food Bank (SACV/FB) I am pleased to offer our strong support for your application for the City of St. Albert to become an International City of Peace. We recognize this as an important community-led effort to strengthen the culture of peace in St. Albert through inclusion, reconciliation, youth engagement, wellbeing, community connection, service, and collaboration.

The SACV/FB is committed to helping build a welcoming, compassionate, and connected community. Our work is grounded in the belief that peace is created through everyday actions, respectful relationships, shared responsibility, and partnerships across all sectors. We see clear alignment between the values of this initiative and the priorities that guide our own programs and services.

Through our Cultural kitchen, we create a space for residents to learn about different cultures, share food, build relationships and strengthen belonging. This program invites people from across the community to gather, celebrate cultural diversity, and connect in a meaningful and respectful way. It reflects our ongoing commitment to inclusion, cultural learning, and community connection.

In addition to the Cultural Kitchen, the SACV/FB supports the community through a range of services and initiatives that respond to local needs and help reduce barriers to wellbeing, all of which help to strengthen local resilience and care.

We believe the International City of Peace application can help deepen collaboration among the community organizations. This kind of shared commitment is essential to creating a stronger, more peaceful community for everyone. We are very encouraged by the emphasis on youth engagement, reconciliation, and practical community connections, as these are all important foundations for lasting peace.

The SACV/FB is very pleased to support the Rotary Club of St. Albert Peace Action Group in advancing this application and its vision of St. Albert as a community where all people feel safe, valued, included, and empowered to contribute to peace.

Thanks you for your leadership and for your commitment to building a stronger, more connected St. Albert.

Sincerely,

Suzan Krecsy
Executive Director
St. Albert Community Village and Food Bank

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