



Stichting Stedenband Hoorn-Příbram

Hoorn, 5th September 2015

To the councilmembers who are
involved in town twinning
Městský úřad Příbram
Tyršova 108, 261 19 Příbram I

Ladies, gentlemen,

On the edge of the 24th year of town twinning our committee is reevaluating the base of existence for this committee.

Nearly 25 years ago, which is a lifetime, the city of Hoorn and Příbram were connected on a base of exchange of knowledge and experience on municipal policies, promotion of friendly contacts between the citizens of both cities and supporting activities from the population and business, stimulating exchange programs especially for youth to get in contact with each other, organizational measures for the sustainable maintenance of these contacts as well as for the coordination of these projects and once a year reconsideration and examination of the state of affairs regarding the twinning.

For Hoorn the establishment of a foundation/committee was chosen for making and maintaining the contact between both cities and we have made and maintained a lot of contacts these 24 years.

But time and circumstances change in a country, as well as in cities, so in Příbram and Hoorn. A lot of things changed by entering the European Union and we think it is time for a necessary reconsideration and examination regarding the town twinning.

Our foundation/committee is an independent organization in its work, but is subsidized by the municipality. And of course each year we are accountable to the municipality about our operations and financial expenses.

As a foundation, we experienced in recent years a more difficult collaboration. But this might not be the idea Příbram has.

Maybe that our ideas about maintaining a twinning no longer match. And that's what we would like to discuss.

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Is twinning between Hoorn and Příbram still valuable? What more do we want to achieve after everything we've done until now? Is it a good idea that we establish a fresh joint commitment to ongoing and new projects for the period 2016-2020?

Our foundation Stichting Stedenband Hoorn-Příbram is visiting Příbram several times due to the Erasmus-E project and during one of these visits we would very much like a serious debate about the above mentioned questions or otherwise plan a nearby date to have this consultation.

We hope that we can find each other in an open conversation about the future of the town twinning Hoorn-Příbram.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. de Vries', written in a cursive style.

Chairman