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Cllr Jane Ives
Chairman
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Dear Mrs Ives,

I am writing to send sincere thanks to Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council; St. Mary's Church Bramshott; Liphook Junior School; Bramshott Open Gardens; Bramshott and Liphook Carnival Committee; Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society; Bramshott and Liphook Conservative Association and also to those who have donated individually from the villages of Bramshott and Liphook to the Canadian Red Cross' Fort McMurray Fires appeal.

The close connection between Canada and the villages of Bramshott and Liphook is celebrated each year on 'Canada Wednesday'. This is an event the staff at the High Commission eagerly anticipate and enthusiastically attend. The opportunity to remember the Canadians who are buried in St. Mary's churchyard, to break bread with friends from the villages and be entertained and captivated by the talent of the children of Liphook Junior School is exceptional and unique in the UK.

We could have seen no better modern expression of this connection than the very generous donations to the Red Cross for the Fort McMurray Fire appeal. It is touching that your community has come together in such a tangible way to help Canadians in their time of need. I am sure that every penny you have donated with be used to help rebuild the Fort McMurray community that was destroyed by the fire.

Thank you all once again. Your friendship and kindness at this time of need is appreciated and deeply moving.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan H. Kessel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan H. Kessel
Deputy High Commissioner

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