Ms. Lindsay Golds Executive Director Arts Build Ontario <u>lindsay@artsbuildontario.ca</u>

Dear Ms. Golds:

Thank you for writing me on behalf of your organization, Arts Build Ontario, with your thoughts on the mandate letter and asset management. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Municipal asset management planning is highly important and I thank you for your leadership on this issue. Ministry staff are working on developing a municipal asset management regulation, which will incorporate feedback from municipalities heard in consultations held in the summer of 2016. In the coming months, we will also be preparing a posting for the Ontario Regulatory Registry. This will provide another opportunity for you to comment on the regulatory proposal and help further refine the direction of the regulation. I agree on the importance of inclusion of all assets, but please note that the focus will be on roads, bridges, water and wastewater assets as a priority.

Additionally, Phase 2 of federal infrastructure investments will include funding for green infrastructure, social infrastructure, public transit, trade and transportation, and rural and northern communities. We expect there will be many competing priorities across the province for these funding programs, and I would encourage you to consider how your project aligns with those categories.

Thank you again for writing and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]

Bob Chiarelli Minister

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