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# November 20, 2015

# The Honorable Mélanie Joly, MP Minister of Canadian Heritage

## **Delivered via email**

Dear Ms. Joly:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we would like to welcome you to your new role as the Minister of Canadian Heritage.

ArtsBuild Ontario is a non-profit charitable organization that exists to support cultural facilities across the province build, manage and finance sustainable facilities. We have received strong support from the Department of Canadian Heritage for initiatives that have allowed us to better support our arts and cultural facilities, and we look forward to strengthening this relationship so that we can continue to improve the state of our arts and cultural facilities in Ontario.

We are excited by the news that an investment in cultural infrastructure is a priority for the Department of Canadian Heritage, as it is an investment that is desperately needed in our sector.

We welcome the opportunity to be able to share with the Department of Canadian Heritage the data that we have been able to collect on the state of arts facilities in Ontario, and what type of support is needed to bring our facilities to a state of good repair.

Again, on behalf of our Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we welcome you to this new role and look forward to continue this excellent relationship.

Thank you,

Chris Loreto

**Board President** 

Lindsay Golds
Executive Director