

October 12, 2016

Advisory Committee

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Collectives of Ontario

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Canada Dance Festival

CITT, Ontario Region

Dance Ontario

Galerie du Nouvel-Ontario, in
collaboration with Association
des groupes en arts visuels
francophones

Ontario Association
of Art Galleries (OAAG)

Professional Association of
Canadian Theatres (PACT)

Le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario

Theatre Ontario

Toronto Alliance for the
Performing Arts (TAPA)

Hon. Mary Eleanor McMahon
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Delivered via email

Dear Minister McMahon:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the mandate letter that was released on September 23, 2016.

ArtsBuild Ontario is a non-profit charitable organization that exists to support cultural facilities across the province build, manage and finance sustainable facilities. We are the only organization of its kind in Canada that is mandated to support arts and cultural infrastructure.

Reading through your mandate letter we are happy to see the mention of energy retrofits for heritage buildings, as this will help reduce costs and support our aging infrastructure.

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As per the mandate letter, this government is, “making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario’s history” and so we were disappointed not to see a direct mention of a capital fund for cultural infrastructure.

We acknowledge the one-time Ontario 150 capital fund that was announced this year, and the capital fund from Ontario Trillium Foundation (that should be reinstated in 2017), but our organizations require a consistent and significant capital fund to access annually, in order to leverage funds made available at the federal level and to keep their facilities at a state of good repair.

We welcome the opportunity to be able to work with your Ministry to discuss the capital that is needed to support our cultural infrastructure, using the sector wide data we have collected on the state of arts facilities in Ontario.

Increased investments in cultural facilities, program support for facilities managers, as well as data collection, have all been key priorities for ArtsBuild Ontario, as they are what is needed to ensure that our cultural facilities are properly maintained and supported.

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On behalf of our Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario we hope that we can continue to have this conversation to meet the needs of our aging and growing cultural infrastructure.

Thank you,



Chris Loreto
Board Chair



Lindsay Golds
Executive Director