

Advisory Committee

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Canada Dance Festival

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

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The Honourable Monte McNaughton, PC
Minister of Infrastructure

Delivered via email: monte.mcnaughton@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. McNaughton:

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

ArtsBuild Ontario is the only non-profit charitable organization in Canada mandated to support arts and cultural infrastructure. Cultural spaces and activities are an integral part of vibrant life in any community. We welcome the opportunity to share with your Ministry the sector-wide data we are collecting on the state of arts facilities in Ontario, what type of support is needed to bring our facilities to a state of good repair, and how to make them accessible to those with special needs. Ontario's cultural spaces are aging and require significant upgrades or renovations to become accessible for audiences and users of all abilities.

Our network has identified accessibility as a top priority for their spaces in the next five years so one of ArtsBuild Ontario's current projects is "Enabling Change". We are working with an Accessibility Advisory Committee and our extensive network of arts facilities and arts service organizations across Ontario to increase awareness and support compliance with the Design of Public Spaces Standard by developing tools, training and resources for businesses, non-profits, and the public sector. We look forward to engaging with you and your ministry to support this and other much-needed initiatives such as the support and understanding needed for Indigenous cultural facilities across the province.

Again, on behalf of our Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we welcome you to this new role and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these and other projects of benefit to the people of Ontario.

Best regards,



Chris Loreto
Board President



Patricia McKinna
Executive Director