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Her Worship Pauline Rochefort

Mayor

Municipality of East Ferris

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Dear Mayor Rochefort:

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On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I would like to thank you for attending the 2020 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Annual Conference in Toronto. I appreciate you taking the time to meet with my Parliamentary Assistant Stephen Crawford, and I regret that I wasn't able to meet with you and your delegation personally.

I understand that your discussion touched on Corbeil Park Recreation Hub improvements, and using OCIF for road upgrades. As you know, in November 2019 I confirmed approximately \$200 million in previously proposed Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) formula allocations for Ontario for the 2020 calendar year.

On January 17, 2020 Premier Ford announced Ontario's investment of \$200 million through the OCIF to eligible municipalities and Local Services Boards for the 2020 calendar year for critical infrastructure projects and asset management planning. This funding provides flexibility to address changing local needs and ensure funding is targeted to where it is needed most.

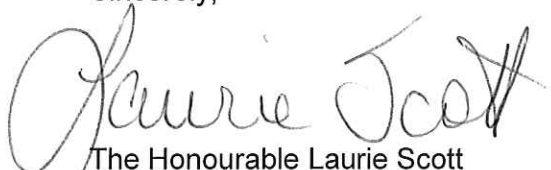
OCIF provides funding to 424 small, rural and northern communities. This funding helps them develop and renew their core infrastructure including supporting asset management planning efforts. We know that by investing in local infrastructure projects we're investing in strong and prosperous communities. These initiatives help to create jobs and open the doors to economic growth in rural Ontario while at the same time improving critical utility infrastructure across the province.

We remain committed to providing predictable, secure infrastructure funding to address local priorities while reducing administrative burden on local governments. We are committed to working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and municipalities to review the design of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to ensure it is an effective and efficient program.

Also, the intake for the Community, Culture and Recreation (CCR) stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program closed on November 12, 2019. This stream will improve access to or increase the quality of cultural, recreational or community infrastructure for Canadians. The program elicited significant demand. Demand exceeded \$10 billion in total project costs, against a total program allocation of \$1 billion in combined partner funding. The province is currently reviewing all applications, and we anticipate that project nominations may begin by summer 2020. Further information will be shared later this year.

Thank you again for meeting with my staff. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure