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Dear Penny Smith:

I am writing in response to your letter of March 30, 2021, to the Honourable Catherine McKenna regarding amending the eligibility criteria of the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to allow funds to be applied to multi-purpose municipal buildings that include municipal administrative offices or council chambers. The Minister has asked me to reply on her behalf. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Government of Canada is focused on overcoming the greatest health crisis of our time. It is taking strong and quick action to stabilize our economy and support communities across Canada, while protecting the health and safety of all Canadians.

The Government of Canada's *Investing in Canada* plan is providing over \$828.4 million in federal funding dedicated to infrastructure projects in Nova Scotia over the next decade. This funding will see the Government of Canada and the province make unprecedented investments in public transit, green infrastructure, communities, recreational and cultural infrastructure, as well as rural and northern communities.

Infrastructure Canada is working with federal, provincial and territorial counterparts, Indigenous leaders and municipalities to move forward on meeting immediate infrastructure needs, what can be rolled out in the short term to support jobs, and how we will restart our economy as quickly as possible while respecting public safety guidelines. The Department is also continuing to accelerate project funding approvals that create jobs and improve the quality of life for Canadians across the country, and is working diligently to process reimbursement of claims received from its partners so that they will have the funds they need to continue moving projects forward and employing Canadians.

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Through the ICIP Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream, the Government of Canada is investing in projects that: improve cultural infrastructure, such as museums and Indigenous heritage centres; support upgrades to recreational facilities, such as arenas, and indoor and outdoor recreational spaces; and, improve community infrastructure, such as community centres and libraries.

Currently multi-purpose municipal buildings that include municipal administrative offices or council chambers are not eligible; however, we have made note of your recommendation for future consideration.

Together, we will work to ensure that infrastructure plays a vital role in promoting economic growth, job creation and improving our quality of life in the coming months and years.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AOL', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alison O'Leary
Assistant Deputy Minister
Program Operations Branch