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Ottawa, Canada K1P 0B6

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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 2017, regarding the request for greater flexibility under both the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Government of Canada has a long history of making strategic investments in a wide range of infrastructure categories. Infrastructure is the foundation of sustainable and inclusive communities—it removes barriers, brings people together and allows all Canadians to be active participants in their community. Moreover, good infrastructure fosters an environment where the best of Canadian innovation can grow.

As you are aware, Minister Chiarelli wrote to me on behalf of all of the provinces and territories requesting amendments to timelines under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. I have heard the provinces' and territories' concerns as well as those from municipalities and the Government of Canada has agreed to extend the program so that recipients may incur eligible costs up to and including March 31, 2020. This extension will be available for jurisdictions that meet all reporting requirements prior to March 31, 2018.

For more information about the reporting requirements under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, please contact Infrastructure Ontario at [cwwf@infrastructureontario.ca](mailto:cwwf@infrastructureontario.ca).

Since the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program falls under the purview of my colleague the Honourable Navdeep Singh Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter for his consideration.

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The Government of Canada is investing more than \$180 billion under the long-term Investing in Canada plan. Our priority is to promote infrastructure that will create good, well-paying jobs that can help the middle class grow and prosper. Key areas for investment include public transit, green and social infrastructure, transportation infrastructure that supports trade, and infrastructure in rural and northern communities.

Through Budget 2017, the Government has also announced plans to invest \$20.3 billion towards public transit that would transform the way Canadians live, move and work. Green infrastructure projects will also be prioritized through an investment of \$16.9 billion over 11 years that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, deliver clean water, safely manage wastewater, and help communities prepare for challenges that result from climate change.

Infrastructure Canada has started discussions with its partners in Ontario to sign a long-term agreement that would see \$11,846,483,456 invested in infrastructure over the next 11 years.

Thank you for writing on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Sohi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Amarjeet Sohi, P.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Navdeep Singh Bains, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development