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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor of the City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am pleased to respond to your correspondence, which was forwarded to me by the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, requesting an extension to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150).

CIP 150 has been delivered by regional development agencies across the country in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) has been delivering the program in Southern Ontario, with a total allocation of up to \$88.8 million over two years to support the renovation, expansion, and improvement of existing community and cultural infrastructure.

Over 700 projects were approved under CIP 150, some of which were from the City of Hamilton. As no extension is available for the program, all approved projects must be completed by the end date of March 31, 2018. I understand that FedDev Ontario has worked closely with your officials, and I am pleased to learn that the City has confirmed that its projects are now on track for completion by the program end date.

If you have additional questions, I encourage you to contact Ms. Alexia Touralias, Director General of Infrastructure and Business Development at FedDev Ontario, by email at alexia.touralias@canada.ca or by telephone at 416-723-8924.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P.