



The Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
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By email: Minister.MacLeod@ontario.ca

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Dear Minister MacLeod:

On behalf of the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN), we are writing to congratulate you on your appointment as the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. We look forward to working with you to support and strengthen Ontarians across the province.

The ONN is the independent nonprofit network for the 58,000 nonprofits and charities in Ontario, focused on policy, advocacy and services to strengthen the sector as a key pillar of our society and economy. We work to create a public policy environment that allows nonprofits to thrive. We engage our network of diverse nonprofit organizations across Ontario to work together on issues affecting the sector and channel the voices of our network to government, funders, and other stakeholders.

As you may know, Ontario's nonprofit sector plays a vital role as an economic driver, contributing \$50 billion to our province's GDP. As a sector, Ontario nonprofits receive less than half of their revenues from governments, which means they can leverage public investments - via business activities, donations, and the contributions of volunteers - into significantly higher value in the services they deliver to Ontarians, all while creating jobs locally. The nonprofit sector is positioned to support the Ontario government to build a stronger economy and a resilient province. Working together, we can deliver real change.

We look forward to speaking with you about how your Ministry can ensure the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) continues to play a pivotal role in Ontario and meets the varied needs and aspirations of nonprofit sector organizations from across this province. OTF grants support local economies and meaningful volunteer opportunities, generate significant value for the investment, and pay dividends back to government in the form of job creation and reduced social costs in future. In many rural and small communities, OTF is the only available grant-maker. These funds contribute to building strong communities and creating opportunities for families, from Windsor to Dryden, and from Niagara to Perth.

Your support can help Ontario's nonprofit sector to provide responsive programs and meaningful volunteer opportunities in all communities. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss a robust partnership between government and the nonprofit sector.

We look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" being more prominent than the last name "Taylor".

Cathy Taylor
Executive Director
Ontario Nonprofit Network