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Dear Madam Mayor and Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your letter of April 6, 2018, regarding the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project in Victoria, British Columbia. 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.

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.

Under the Plan, the Government is investing \$28.7 billion over 12 years to improve public transit infrastructure throughout Canada, which will help build new urban transit networks and service extensions that will transform the way Canadians live, move and work. In addition, the Government is investing \$26.9 billion over 12 years towards green infrastructure to build sustainable and healthy communities.

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The Agreement in place with British Columbia will provide \$4.1 billion in federal funding dedicated to infrastructure projects in British Columbia over the next decade. This new funding will see the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia make unprecedented investments in public transit, green infrastructure, communities, recreational and cultural infrastructure, as well as rural and northern communities.

Under the new Agreement, proposed projects must first be prioritized by the province before they are submitted to Infrastructure Canada for consideration. I would encourage you to submit your proposal to the Province of British Columbia so that it may determine whether the project should be prioritized for funding consideration under the *Investing in Canada* plan.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Sohi'.

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