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Her Worship Lisa Helps
Mayor
The City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 2017, expressing the support of the City of Victoria for Private Member's Bill C-323.

As this matter falls under the purview of the Department of Finance, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, for his consideration.

As Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, I designate places, persons and events of national historic significance on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC), the body that advises me on historical matters. I also designate Federal Heritage Buildings upon the recommendation of the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office. Parks Canada and the HSMBC encourage the protection of the historic values of national historic sites and trust that sites will be managed in accordance with sound cultural resource management principles.

Please note that federal financial support is available for heritage conservation. As announced in Budget 2016, Parks Canada is investing \$20 million over 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 in the conservation of non-federally owned national historic sites, heritage lighthouses and heritage railway stations, through its National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places. Creating lasting relationships with community groups that own and operate these heritage treasures will help foster an ethos of stewardship and conservation.

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Canadian Heritage administers the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, which supports the improvement, renovation and construction of arts and heritage facilities, as well as the acquisition of specialized equipment. As part of Budget 2016, the Government of Canada announced that an additional \$168.2 million will be invested in the Fund over 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

I trust this information is helpful and appreciate you taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Peter Van Loan, P.C., M.P.
Mr. Murray Rankin, Q.C., M.P.