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VICTORIA, B.C.

March 28, 2017

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

Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter of March 6, 2017 regarding the future of the building located at 28 Bastion Square in Victoria, British Columbia. I am pleased to have met with you and discussed our shared interest in the future of the site.

As you have duly noted, both the City and Federal Government identify important heritage defining elements of both the interior and exterior of the building. The Province recognizes that the building has significant historic value and that it occupies a unique location in the capital city. With this in mind, my Ministry will be initiating exterior maintenance and repair work as early as summer 2017 to protect the integrity of the building.

Although no immediate government use has been identified for the facility, Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services staff are currently developing options to aid future decision making. The development of options will rely on consultation with key stakeholders, including the City, to frame what is possible for this building.

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I look forward to the continued partnership of the City of Victoria as we move forward with future planning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amrik Virk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A".

Amrik Virk
Minister

pc: Mr. John Jacobson, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services

Mr. Sarf Ahmed, Associate Deputy Minister, Citizens' Services
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