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Her Worship Lisa Helps
Mayor of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
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Dear Madam Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of November 18, 2015, congratulating me on my appointment as Minister of Canadian Heritage and enclosing a copy of the City of Victoria's *Strategic Plan 2015–2018* and other documentation. I am grateful for your kind words of encouragement and support on my appointment as Minister of Canadian Heritage.

I also appreciate your taking the time to inform me about Victoria City Council's goals and initiatives over the next four years, including plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017. This important milestone will allow us to connect with our past, celebrate who we are, honour our achievements and build a legacy for tomorrow. A review committee is currently evaluating the proposals submitted to the Canada 150 Fund as Signature Initiatives.

As you may already know, the next meeting of federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for culture and heritage will take place in July 2016, in Victoria. I look forward to visiting your city and meeting with you, should our schedules permit it.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.