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c/o County of Renfrew, 9 International Drive, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

Pembroke, May 31, 2016

The Honourable Navdeep Singh Bains
Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Re: Letter of support for Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs)

Dear Minister Bains,

On behalf of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), allow me to thank you again for attending our breakfast meeting yesterday morning on Parliament Hill. Your presence and your kind words of support were both appreciated and reassuring.

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for the recent application of the Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation to deliver the federal Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) Collaborative Economic Development Projects through to December 2018. This submission is being led by the Northumberland CFDC on behalf of the 15 CFDCs of Eastern Ontario and has been designed to promote and support the many economic development strategies of the region and to deliver growth and prosperity to the businesses and communities of Eastern Ontario.

The 15 CFDCs of Eastern Ontario continue to be integral partners in the ongoing positioning of the region as innovative and vibrant, from both a business and socioeconomic perspective. The EOWC has historically worked together with the CFDCs to leverage opportunities that can lead to enhanced and strengthened communities.

The ability of the region's CFDCs to work collaboratively with many groups – including the EOWC – and to successfully deliver the federal Eastern Ontario Development Program, in an effective and cost-efficient manner, is unparalleled. We look forward to the continued strong partnership with the CFDCs and to the ongoing success of this important investment in our region.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Emon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Emon
Chair, 2016, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

