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CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

March 11, 2019

The Honourable Victor Fedeli  
Minister of Finance  
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7 Queen's Park Cres., Seventh Floor  
Toronto, ON  
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The Honourable Greg Rickford  
Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and  
Minister of Indigenous Affairs  
Whitney Block, Room 5630  
99 Wellesley St. W, Fifth Floor  
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Dear Minister Fedeli and Minister Rickford:

**RE: Withdrawal of NOHFC funding for FutureSSM**

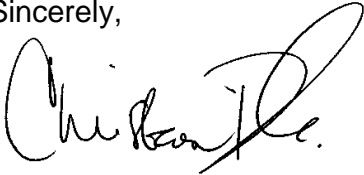
I acknowledge receipt of the notice of termination dated February 28, 2019 to Tom Vair, Deputy CAO – Community Development and Enterprise Services, advising of the withdrawal of support from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for FutureSSM.

FutureSSM is a forward-looking community plan developed and supported by the broader community. While I am disappointed by and disagree with your government's decision not to support it, I am not writing in protest or complaint. I recognize that you both have a long history of serving Northern Ontario communities and that you are familiar with the challenges that we share. I have no doubt that both of you want to see Northern Ontario and its respective communities succeed.

I am confident that if you set aside some time to visit Sault Ste. Marie you would be impressed with what is happening across our community and inclined to support our efforts. To that end, as Cabinet Ministers, Members of Provincial Parliament who represent ridings in Northern Ontario and advocates for Northern Ontario, I invite you to come to Sault Ste. Marie to see some of the great things happening first hand. I would appreciate the opportunity to host you and I would ensure that your day is productive and your time is well spent.

In closing, I want to acknowledge that NOHFC has, for years, been a great partner for Northern Ontario. Its work has been instrumental to the development of community infrastructure, innovative technologies, expanded business opportunities and building economic capacity. There are numerous success stories in Sault Ste. Marie, and across Northern Ontario, made possible in part through the assistance and guidance provided by NOHFC. I look forward to continuing to work with it and you for the better of Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian C. Provenzano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

CC City Council  
Ross Romano, Sault Ste. Marie MPP