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Ms. Brenda Andreatta
Director of Council Services/Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle
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5950 Malden Road
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Dear Ms. Andreatta:

I am writing in response to your letter of February 20, 2018, to the Prime Minister, regarding the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle passing a resolution urging the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to allocate cannabis tax revenues towards infrastructure projects.

The Government of Canada has a long history of making strategic investments in a wide range of infrastructure categories. Infrastructure is the foundation of sustainable and inclusive communities—it removes barriers, brings people together and allows all Canadians to be active participants in their community. Moreover, good infrastructure fosters an environment where the best of Canadian innovation can grow.

The Government of Canada is investing more than \$180 billion under the long-term *Investing in Canada* plan. Our priority is to promote infrastructure that will create good, well-paying jobs that can help the middle class grow and prosper. Key areas for investment include public transit, green and social infrastructure, transportation infrastructure that supports trade, and infrastructure in rural and northern communities.

The Government of Canada works closely with provincial, territorial and municipal partners to fund infrastructure projects, but it is these orders of government that are responsible for the planning, prioritization, design, financing and operation of their infrastructure assets.

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Given that the municipal portion of cannabis tax revenues is still under negotiation, I would encourage you to contact the Ministry of Finance for the Government of Ontario. The would be best placed to provide information on the potential use of new tax revenues generated by the sale of cannabis to create a fund in support of municipal infrastructure projects.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Sohi'.

Amarjeet Sohi, P.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable William Francis Morneau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance