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Mr. Paul McQueen
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Dear Warden McQueen,

Thank you for hosting me on my recent visit to the County of Grey and the City of Owen Sound.

These have been difficult days in Ontario as we battle COVID-19 on three fronts – the healthcare, economic and social crises, however spending time in your community and in the Grey Roots Museum & Archives certainly, was a bright spot for me as I promote Ontario's heritage, sport, tourism and cultural attractions and industries.

Paul, as you know this ministry works with sector and industry leaders to grow a spectacular double bottom line – enhancing Ontario's rich cultural fabric while fueling \$75 Billion in economic activity. Our sectors have been hit first, hardest and will take the longest to recover post COVID-19 which is why it is important for us to continue to work together as we eye what recovery looks like for your organization and your community.

COVID-19 may have tested us as Ontarians but our creators, athletes, artists and community builders continue to bring out the best in us and as we slowly and gradually begin to reopen the economy and resume our daily routines, their work is ever more important.

Paul, I also understand that we are yet to be able to return to some activities that we have cherished throughout the years that is why the Ministry has created www.Ontario.Live to curate an online and virtual heritage, sport, tourism and culture experience. I encourage you to take advantage of this online hub – it's impressive.

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Thank you once again, Paul, for taking some time with us. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome so please consider sending me your thoughts at Minister.MacLeod@ontario.ca.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M" that are connected.

Honourable Lisa MacLeod, MPP (Nepean)
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