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Yvon LeBlanc  
Warden  
Municipality of Clare  
1185 Highway 1  
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Dear Yvon LeBlanc:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Municipality of Clare's support for the expansion of qualifying expenditures for the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), as proposed by the Municipality of Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

The Government of Canada is making unprecedented investments in areas such as homelessness and affordable housing, public transit, resilient and low-carbon infrastructure, water and wastewater, and green and inclusive community buildings, all of which contribute to economic growth, social inclusion and a healthy environment.

The CCBF is a legislated, permanent, indexed source of investment that currently provides \$2.4 billion dollars of funding to over 3,600 communities across Canada. The Government of Canada will continue to work with signatories to ensure the successful implementation of this program.

I was pleased to announce a renewed agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia on July 18, 2024. I hear from communities across the country about the importance of the federal funding provided through the CCBF as a key tool to meet a broad range of infrastructure needs.

We are expanding the ability of communities to use CCBF funding to support housing-related planning such as undertaking housing needs assessments through a broader capacity building category. In addition, we are expanding the disaster mitigation category to a broader resilience category to allow communities to invest in a more comprehensive range of infrastructure investments aimed at adapting to the changes being experienced from climate change.

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I would also note that the investments in waterfront infrastructure that you highlight in your letter will continue to be eligible areas of funding for communities under the renewed CCBF.

Finally, local-decision making will continue to remain at the heart of the CCBF, and I encourage you to work with the Province of Nova Scotia, specifically the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to fully understand the parameters that will apply to the CCBF funding for your community.

For more information, please visit the CCBF webpage at <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>.

Together, we will work to ensure that infrastructure plays a vital role in promoting economic growth, job creation and improving our quality of life in the coming months and years.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fraser', with a long, sweeping underline.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities