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Mr. Patrick Wittmann  
Supervisor of Infrastructure & Asset Management  
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
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Dear Mr. Wittmann:

Congratulations, I am pleased to advise you that your application, "Northern Ontario Energy Retrofit Research: Affecting policy and program development through an investigation into housing retrofit programs and the sustainable supply of housing", to the Innovation, Evidence and Capacity Building Fund 2017-18 was successful and has been approved for funding in the amount up to \$69,320.

As you know, as part of the implementation of the Long-Term Affordable Housing System Update, our government announced the creation of an Innovation, Evidence and Capacity Building (IEC) Fund in March 2016. The IEC Fund would provide up to \$1.0 million total funding in 2017-18 to address the varying levels of capacity amongst communities and to support local system transformation.

The funding is contingent on the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province. A draft of the agreement will be forwarded shortly.

We anticipate your project will make a significant contribution to our goal of increasing sector capacity, encouraging an evidence-based orientation and supporting the housing and homelessness system.

I look forward to learning more about your project under this new initiative and the continued good work you provide in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Milczyn', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Peter Milczyn  
Minister