



Ontario Association of Architects

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The Honourable Chris Ballard, MPP
Ferguson Block 11th Floor
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[sent via e-mail]

Dear Minister Ballard:

On behalf of the Ontario Association of Architects, I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. I'd also like to thank you for the critical work you have done during your tenure as Minister of Housing.

While you are familiar with the OAA's interests around the housing affordability crisis and we've appreciated the time you have taken to meet with us, the OAA is also a prominent resource and voice within the field of sustainable development.

The OAA has a number of projects and insights we would like to share with you once you get more settled in. As a brief aside, we're putting our money where our mouth is by undertaking a comprehensive retrofit of our own headquarters to make it net zero. We'll follow up with your staff in the coming weeks to try to set up a meeting for the fall.

Congratulations again on your new cabinet appointment, and please do not hesitate to contact us moving forward as we remain a ready and willing resource for yourself and your Ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John K. Stephenson', written in a cursive style.

John K. Stephenson, Architect
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President

