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Mr. John K. Stephenson President
Ontario Association of Architects
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Dear Mr. Stephenson,

I was delighted to receive your email letter and great graphic attachments, and the information panels, regarding the recognition of the Whalen Building at your October 1 **Queen's Park Picks and World Architecture Day** reception.

As a fellow resident of Thunder Bay, you will know of the building's role in public life, where it served (and still serves) as a centre for utility bills and various municipal and government services. Many residents also became familiar with its appealing lobby, elevators and interior due to its public function.

Thanks so much for honouring the Whalen Building in this auspicious way. In your words, 'architecture must be both inspiring and pragmatic' and that suits the building very well.

I know the role that architecture plays in the development of the Northern economy, infrastructure, and quality of life, and I appreciate the intriguing and inspiring work performed by you and your colleagues. Thanks again.

Yours, sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael".

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