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Her Worship Diane Therrien
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Dear Mayor Therrien:

The health and safety of all Ontarians remains our government's number one priority.

We acknowledge the immediate impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on Ontario's sport sector and on the long-term sustainable operations of sports organizations. We understand that these are unprecedented times, and that the operations of many organizations in the sector have been disrupted.

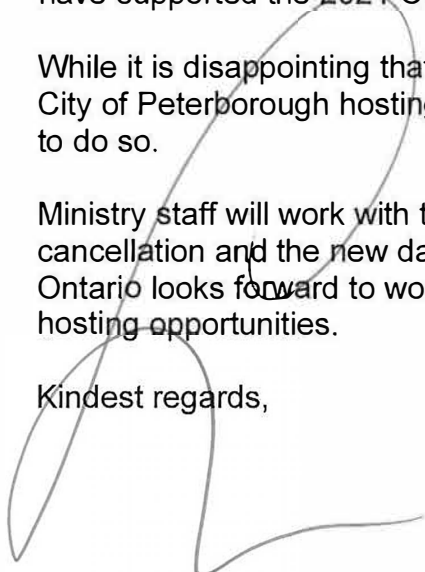
We have been closely monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the Ontario Games events as the situation has progressed. As we continually move forward on the safe return of sport, we will be cancelling the 2020/2021 Games and focused on the next Games in 2022. As a result, I would like to formally invite the City of Peterborough to host the 2022 Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

I would like to thank you, the City and the Games Organizing Committee for your patience as the government determined the best way forward for the Ontario 55+ Summer Games during this time. I would especially like to thank any volunteers who have supported the 2021 Ontario 55+ Summer Games to this point.

While it is disappointing that the Games will not be held in 2021, we look forward to the City of Peterborough hosting the 2022 Ontario 55+ Summer Games, if the City chooses to do so.

Ministry staff will work with the City of Peterborough for a public announcement of the cancellation and the new dates of the Games if the City is interested in hosting in 2022. Ontario looks forward to working with the City of Peterborough on future Games and hosting opportunities.

Kindest regards,



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