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Dear Yves Giroux:

This is in response to your correspondence of June 12, 2025, in which you requested a breakdown of actual, committed, and planned funding of all infrastructure projects/programs under Indigenous Services Canada, and under the Investing in Canada Plan.

For the past six years, \$17.7 billion of Indigenous Services Canada's infrastructure funding has been invested toward housing, water/wastewater, education facilities, health facilities, solid waste, and other community infrastructure serving approximately 481,000 people. Additionally, ongoing funding is provided to First Nation communities to address priorities in supporting infrastructure operations, including salaries, utility bills, infrastructure operations and maintenance, and minor projects.

Although past investments achieved results in communities, Indigenous Services Canada's ongoing funding is often utilized to complement insufficient targeted major capital funding due to the overwhelming needs in infrastructure investments. This leads to reduced capacity to address unforeseen events and to support other crucial and dependent investments.

By the end of the 2026-2027 fiscal year, a reduction of close to \$2 billion is expected in time-limited funding related to water and wastewater, health facilities, housing, and to education facilities, which will result in some instances with no targeted funding to support major capital projects.

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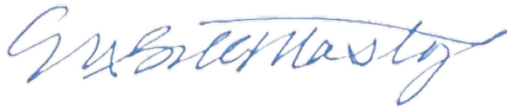
Indigenous Services Canada intends on seeking funding renewal in the upcoming Budget process to address, at minimum, renewal of crucial sunseting programs and integrity programs that support First Nations' access to healthcare, education facilities, and water infrastructures on reserves. Further funding is needed for time-sensitive program integrity required to support improved First Nations' access to healthcare, education facilities, and water infrastructure.

Furthermore, to fully ensure long-term and sustainable First Nations' access to health facilities, education facilities, and water infrastructure, an opportunity to obtain longer-term/flexible funding profiles would be beneficial.

If desirable, officials are available to provide additional insight on the information provided to facilitate an accurate interpretation of the data. In addition, we would also welcome the opportunity to review the report before it is finalized to ensure accuracy of the content.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty, P.C., M.P.

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