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Her Worship Sherry Bondy
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Bondy:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation from the Town of Essex at this year's ROMA Conference in Toronto.

Our government is working to strengthen partnerships with rural municipalities and this year's conference provided a great opportunity to hear your insights on how we can continue to support communities across the province.

I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the Town's need for funding to support the Essex Centre Sports Fields project.

Ontario is growing, and our government is committed to building the most competitive economy in the G7 — with sport playing a key role in that vision. The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund remain an important part of our government's plan to support municipalities with upgrading local facilities, while building new infrastructure. These investments help communities create more opportunities for people to stay active and healthy, while strengthening Ontario's growing sport tourism sector through initiatives like the Sport Hosting Program and the Ontario Games. We will continue to work with communities across the province to improve infrastructure, drive economic growth, protect local jobs, and build a better Ontario through sport.

Thank you for your dedication to serving your community. I look forward to continuing to work with you and the Town of Essex to protect jobs, attract investment and build a stronger, more prosperous future for Ontario together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil Lumsden", written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Neil Lumsden
Minister of Sport