

Minister of Canadian Heritage
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Mr. Alain Pineau
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Dear Mr. Pineau:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 12, 2006, regarding the development of a museum policy and federal funding for Canadian museums.

I appreciate your advising me of the views of the Canadian Conference of the Arts on these subjects. Canada's museums play an invaluable role in educating Canadians about our nation's rich heritage through their conservation and preservation activities.

I have met with representatives of the Canadian Museums Association and my provincial/territorial counterparts to discuss priorities. Please be assured that the Government of Canada is committed to developing a museum policy that will better address today's challenges and realities.

I trust that this information is useful. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bev Oda', written in a cursive style.

Bev Oda, P.C., M.P.

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