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His Worship Jeff Lehman  
Mayor, City of Barrie  
City of Barrie - Allandale 55+ Centre  
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Dear Mayor Lehman:

As you may know in June of this year I was appointed the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs. I look forward to working hard to fulfill the Ontario government's commitment to ensure that seniors remain healthy, active and safe.

To help meet this commitment, I am pleased to confirm the government is continuing to invest \$11.5 million in the Elderly Persons Centres (EPC) program and funding for your centre has been approved. Please see the attached letter with more information about the approved amounts and next steps for your EPC.

As you know, the EPC program review done last year yielded valuable information to guide the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat into the future. On June 1, 2016, the *Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2016* was introduced in the Legislature, and if passed, would keep seniors healthy and socially engaged, give the program more flexibility to be responsive to the needs of local seniors by cutting red tape, and would reaffirm the valuable partnership that EPCs currently have with local municipalities, while enabling the centres to develop future partnerships.

Thank you for the valuable work you are doing to serve older adults in Ontario. I wish you all the best with your activities this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dipika Damerla".

Dipika Damerla  
Minister

c: Ann Hoggarth, MPP, Barrie