September 28, 2017

His Worship Al Strathdee
Mayor
Town of St. Marys
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Dear Mayor Strathdee:

I am pleased to congratulate the Town of St. Marys on recently passing a heritage property tax relief bylaw.

This important step demonstrates the value your community places on conserving its heritage, remembering and understanding its past, and encouraging a deeper sense of community identity. The bylaw will help protect invaluable heritage resources for the enjoyment of future generations.

Municipalities, municipal heritage committees and other heritage organizations are doing terrific work on heritage conservation throughout Ontario. It is an important form of economic development that can attract visitors who have an interest in Ontario’s rich and varied history.

Once again, please accept my congratulations on the establishment of this important tool and on your commitment to protecting Ontario’s cultural heritage.

All my best,

Eleanor McMahon
Minister