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Dear Janice Lukes:

I am very pleased to confirm that The Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba, has recently designated me as the lead Minister responsible for coordinating the implementation of key recommendations in the Active Transportation Advisory Group's (ATAG) report. Let me take this opportunity to thank you, as former Chair of ATAG, along with all of your committee members and volunteer advisors, for the work that you put into developing the "Greater Strides" report and recommendations.

I also would like to take the time to point out key commitments our government has made on active transportation (AT):

- to develop a provincial AT policy to support and encourage AT;
- to appoint a provincial director responsible for coordinating the Province's AT commitments;
- to establish an ongoing public stakeholder advisory committee; and
- to build a separate AT crossing at the Perimeter Highway connecting the North East Pioneers Greenway to East St. Paul and Birds Hill Provincial Park.

Progress is already being made on this project as staff in my department are working with their colleagues to advance the government's commitments to AT.

Manitoba Local Government strives to enhance the health and sustainability of Manitoba communities. AT is an important component of this. I am excited to take on this challenge and look forward to working with AT stakeholders in future. I wish you and all attendees an enjoyable day at the Active Transportation and Recreation Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Lemieux".

Ron Lemieux
Minister