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Ms. Nicole Chabot, Chair
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Dear Nicole Chabot and Chris Lorenc:

Thank you for your February 11, 2021 memo regarding the harmonization of specifications between Manitoba Infrastructure and the City of Winnipeg. I am pleased to respond.

The harmonization project, which began in 2017, was designed to be a continuous process that will require ongoing collaboration between Manitoba Infrastructure and the City of Winnipeg to update, improve, and harmonize new specifications as they are developed and implemented. Following the final report on *Recommendations for Harmonizing Municipal and Provincial Specifications and Standards in Manitoba: City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Infrastructure* (June 2020), a well-defined process was incorporated to assist Manitoba Infrastructure and the City of Winnipeg to continue the harmonization process.

The Harmonization Working Group (HWG) for the harmonization project last met prior to the publishing of the final report in June 2020. Department staff have reached out to Dr. Shalaby, Manitoba Infrastructure Chair, to re-convene this group to review the items listed in your letter. Your members within the Specifications Working Group will be included in this process and the next meetings which will re-commence shortly.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this working group or the harmonization project, feel free to contact Mr. Mike Neill, Director of Construction Support Service, Mike.Neill@gov.mb.ca or 204-471-5660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Thiele', written in a cursive style.

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