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Mrs. Alison Robertson  
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Dear Mrs. Robertson:

I am pleased to write you in your capacity as Chair of the Ontario Food Terminal Board. Pursuant to the requirements of the Agencies and Appointments Directive (AAD), this letter sets out my expectations for the Ontario Food Terminal Board for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Ontario's Board-governed provincial agencies are vital partners in ensuring the delivery of high quality services to Ontarians. The people of Ontario depend on you to provide leadership to the Ontario Food Terminal Board, management and staff. Together with your fellow board members, the people of Ontario rely on you to establish the goals, objectives and strategic direction for the Ontario Food Terminal Board consistent with your mandate, government policies, and my directions, where appropriate. I thank you for your willingness to serve.

As you know, under the authority of the *Ontario Food Terminal Act*, your agency's mandate is to acquire, construct, equip and operate a wholesale fruit and produce market and to operate such facilities for the transportation and handling of fruit and produce as may be necessary for the purposes of the Terminal.

The Ontario Food Terminal continues to support the Ontario government's 'Buy Local' initiative and is vital to the success of the Ontario agri-food sector.

I encourage the Ontario Food Terminal Board to continue to build awareness of the fresh, quality foods grown and produced in Ontario, within the scope of the Board's mandate. To help ensure its success, I expect the Ontario Food Terminal Board to focus on the below items and look forward to seeing these addressed in the agency's annual business plan:

- Ensuring that the Ontario Food Terminal operates efficiently in order to provide excellent customer service to Ontario growers and produce buyers.
- Ensuring the terminal is properly maintained so that Ontario retailers and institutions will continue to use the terminal as a major source of supply for fresh produce.
- I support your commitment in continuing to operate a dedicated farmer's market area for Ontario produce growers.

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- Ensuring that the cash flow from operations will cover all expenses including capital and maintenance expenditures.
- The Ontario government has set a target that, by 2019, women make up at least 40 per cent of all appointments to every provincial board and agency. The Ontario Food Terminal is already well on its way to meeting the target this fiscal year. It will be critical that we work together to maintain this target going forward.
- Continue the good work in meeting all AAD provisions and requirements.

I look forward to the continued partnership between the Ontario Food Terminal Board and OMAFRA, and to hearing about your progress on these commitments in your agency's annual report.

Thank you for your continued support for Ontario's agricultural sector.

Sincerely,



Jeff Leal  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs