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**Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal**

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Mr. Simon Brault  
President  
Culture Montréal  
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Dear Sir:

The Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal was delighted to learn today of your appointment as Vice-President of the Canada Council for the Arts. On behalf of all our members, I would like to extend our best wishes for successfully meeting this new challenge.

The Board of Trade believes that the economic success of Canada – and particularly its urban centres – is closely linked to the development of culture and the arts. Creators and artists not only help to move and inspire our society but also make it more attractive and competitive. We are therefore pleased to know that the Canada Council for the Arts will now benefit from your passion and your commitment to culture and the arts.

We will be proud to work actively with you on the cultural development of Montreal.

Best regards,

Benoit Labonté  
President