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Dear Michelle:

On behalf of the Play Works Youth Friendly Recognition Program, I am thrilled to inform you that your community's submission for this Program has been accepted. We are pleased to share with you that 11 Ontario communities will be receiving recognition this year. You may be interested to know that we received 15 applications from across Ontario.

You will be delighted to know your community's commitment to an investment in youth has paid off as the review team recognized your community this year as having met 10 of the 16 Youth Friendly Criteria and will be recognized as **Bronze Youth Friendly Community Builder**. The Criteria you met were as follows:

- Youth have options for play
- Youth are formally connected to the community
- It is easy for youth to find information about play activities in the community
- The community supports public youth events
- The community celebrates and recognizes youth
- The community commits funding for youth play
- The community supports youth volunteerism and leadership development
- Youth can get to the play programs that are offered
- Adults champion the cause for youth play
- Play is accessible to youth with disabilities

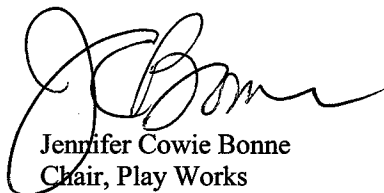
At the present time, we are preparing for the formal announcement and recognition ceremony for all of this year's recipient communities. We expect the Recognition Ceremony will take place at Queen's Park in June. We will be in touch as soon as we have a date confirmed and in order that your community can be well represented.

As a note, we will send you a summary of the commentary from the review team. It is anticipated you will receive this before the presentation ceremony. We know that creating youth friendly communities is an on-going and developmental process, and we look forward to you continuing your work in development of this area.

If you have any questions at all regarding the recognition ceremony, please contact the Play Works Secretariat Manager, Marion Price, at 416-426-7065 or by email at mprice@prontario.org.

Once again, congratulations!

Warm regards,



Jennifer Cowie Bonne
Chair, Play Works

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