MPP Meeting Key Messages:

* Introduce or re-introduce your organization and provide an overview of your role in the community.
* Come into the meeting presenting yourself as a realist that understands the financial stress on the government.
  + In an ideal world we would like to have asked for new funding for the OAC.
  + But we recognize the difficult financial situation the province is in as well as the many competing priorities facing the government.
  + So, **we are asking for stable and predictable funding for the OAC** for the next few years.
* Demonstrate the real financial impact the OAC has on the arts and tourism economy.
  + The OAC and the organizations it invests in are the unsung heroes of economic activity in the province.
  + Investments made in our sector provide a valuable return on investment, both financially and as a vital community hub.
  + [According to Statistics Canada](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3610045201) the cultural economy in Ontario generated a provincial GDP impact of $28.7 billion in 2019. Of this, the sectors where OAC is a primary support contributed over $5.4 billion of provincial GDP — greater than the impact of Film & Television ($2.0 billion) or Interactive Digital Media ($4.3 billion).
* Make the ask.
  + Please send a letter to Minister Bethlenfalvy asking for the OAC budget to be frozen for at least two years.
  + We would be happy to supply your office with a draft letter.