**Sample Draft Resolution Supporting Provincial Public Library Funding**

WHEREAS public libraries provide vibrant community hubs where residents of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to learn, work, train, innovate, explore, connect, and collaborate;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library provides community members with equitable, reliable access to broadband internet;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library uses technology to make resources more accessible and responsive to people’s changing needs;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library support local economic development through the provision of important business development and job skills programming for adults and youth;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library works closely with local residents to deliver valued programs and services and shares knowledge and resources;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library continues to be a catalyst for residents and organizations to reach their potential by connecting them with the expertise and resources they need, and transforms information into knowledge that positively impacts their lives and their families;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library continues to judiciously manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

1. that the [Community] encourages the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities;

2. that the [Community] encourages the Province of Ontario to maintain existing funding for Ontario’s public libraries,

3. that the [Community] encourages the Province of Ontario to make a new, ongoing, targeted annual investment to extend access to modern, cost-effective resources and services through their local public libraries to all Ontarians in accordance with the [Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries & 2020 Pre- Budget Recommendations](http://www.accessola.org/web/Documents/Advocacy/OLA%20and%20FOPL%202020%20Budget%20Submission%20-%20FINAL.pdf);

4. that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, HHHTourism, and Culture Industries, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPPs, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to [Upper Tier Municipality] and local area municipalities for endorsement.

**Minister’s addresses:**

**The Honourable Lisa MacLeod**

Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries9th Floor, Hearst Block

900 Bay Street

Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1

Minister.**MacLeod**@ontario.ca

**The Honourable Rod Phillips**

Minister of Finance
7th Floor, Frost Building South
7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y7

Minister.fin@ontario.ca

**The Honourable Steve Clark**

Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing

17th Floor

777 Bay Street

Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

minister.mah@ontario.ca

**Please copy resolutions to:**

**Shelagh Paterson**

Executive Director

Ontario Library Association

2 Toronto Street 3rd Floor

Toronto, ON, M5C 2B6

spaterson@accessola.com

**Stephen Abram**

Executive Director

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

5120 Yonge St.

Toronto, ON M2N 5N9

sabram@fopl.ca

**Pat Vanini**

Executive Director

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

200 University Ave., Suite 801

Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6

PVanini@amo.on.ca