



West Grey Public Library
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February 20, 2018

Ms. Shelagh Paterson
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Dear Ms. Paterson

Please be advised that the West Grey Public Library Board passed the following resolution on February 20, 2018, regarding the need for increased funding for libraries.

“Hergert-Beddoe, WHEREAS, public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and,

WHEREAS, the West Grey Public Library engages with the community and contributes to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and,

WHEREAS, the West Grey Public Library continues to seek funding opportunities through donor development and sponsorships to increase services and expand programming outside of their core funding; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017 the West Grey Public Library continues to have a limited resource budget despite an increase in new cardholders and programming participants.

WHEREAS, the West Grey Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services, materials, and programming;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the West Grey Public Library urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities and to cease the 20 year budget freeze to local libraries in an acknowledgement to the services they offer to all residents; and,

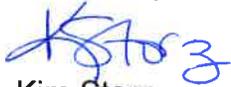
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of the West Grey Public Library urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the Consumer Price Index; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, Minister of Finance, Minister of Education, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the local MPP's, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and the County of Grey and local area library boards."

Carried.

I trust you will give this matter its due consideration.

Yours truly,



Kim Storz
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Cc: Hon. Premiere Wynne
Hon. Daiene Vernile, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Hon. Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education
Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
B. Walker, M.P.P- Bruce- Grey-Owen Sound
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S. Abram, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
Area Library Boards