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Mr. Matthew Tapscott, Chair
Ajax Public Library Board
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March 27, 2018

Re: Provincial Government funding support for Ontario's Public Libraries

Thank you for your correspondence to the Town of Ajax, regarding the above noted matter. Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held March 26, 2018:

That the Ajax Public Library resolution regarding Provincial Government Funding for Ontario's Public Libraries be endorsed.

A copy of the correspondence that prompted this action is attached.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext 3342 or alexander.harras@ajax.ca

Sincerely,

Alexander Harras
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Ms. Nicole Cooper
Director of Legislative and Information Services/Clerk
Town of Ajax

February 26, 2018

Re: Provincial Government Funding Support for Ontario's Public Libraries

Dear Ms. Cooper:

At its meeting on February 22, 2018, the Ajax Public Library Board approved the following resolution:

"WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community hubs where residents of all backgrounds are welcome to learn, work, connect, and collaborate; and

WHEREAS, the Ajax Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contributes to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Ajax Public Library continues to evolve its services to meet the changing needs of a growing community, including a new generation of residents who think, learn, read, and collaborate in new ways; and

WHEREAS, the Ajax Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services in a context of increased use and frozen provincial support; and

WHEREAS, the Ajax Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives, such as lifelong learning and skills development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to provincial government web sites and services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. that the Ajax Public Library urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of, and services offered by, local libraries within their communities and to cease the 20 year budget freeze to local public libraries;