



BRACEBRIDGE
The Heart of Muskoka

The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge

General Committee

Reference: Item 6.18 - Item for Discussion – Provincial Library Funding (Councillor, C. Wilson) **Date:** March 20, 2018

Moved By: Chris With

Seconded By: Jason

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

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

AND WHEREAS the Bracebridge 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 Bracebridge Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services in a context of increased use and reduced resources;

AND WHEREAS the Bracebridge Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives, such as poverty reduction, lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to provincial government websites and services;

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRACEBRIDGE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Province of Ontario be urged 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.
2. That the Province of Ontario urged to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index.
3. That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; MPP Norm Miller; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; the Ontario Library Association; the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries; the Muskoka Public Libraries and the municipalities in Muskoka.



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Chair:

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