

March 20, 2018

Stephen Abram  
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries  
5120 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M2N 5N9

Dear Stephen,

Please be advised that the following resolution in support of recommendations to increase provincial funding to public and First Nation libraries, including an increase from \$33 million to \$50 million for 2018 and the dedication of \$25 million in new annual funding for the development and implementation of Ontario's Digital Library, was passed by the Caledon Public Library Board at their meeting on March 19, 2018.

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

WHEREAS the Caledon Public Library actively builds and nurtures relationships within the community and contributes to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and,

WHEREAS the Caledon Public Library continues to evolve its services to meet the changing needs of a growing community; and,

WHEREAS the Caledon Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of their services in the context of shifting demand and limited resources; and,

WHEREAS the Caledon 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 bridges the digital divide when providing equitable access to provincial government web sites and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Caledon Public Library Board 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 Town of Caledon Public Library Board 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 Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to Town of Caledon Council.

Sincerely,



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cc: B. Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
D. Vernille, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon  
Mayor A. Thompson and Members of Council, Town of Caledon  
S. Paterson, Ontario Library Association