

# IDEA|EXCHANGE.

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The Honourable Daiene Vernile  
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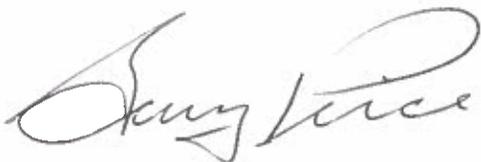
Dear Minister Vernile,

On behalf of the Cambridge Public Library Board, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for your Government's recognition of the importance of public libraries in the *2018 Budget, A Plan for Care and Opportunity*. Your commitment will strengthen our roles as community hubs that support lifelong learning, cultural programming and skills development in digital literacy and technology.

We are especially excited to be opening a digital library this summer in Cambridge. With a hands-on maker space, children's discovery centre, reading room and media labs, the Old Post Office location of Idea Exchange will offer the community 21<sup>st</sup> century tech learning in a beautifully restored 19<sup>th</sup> century heritage building.

I am enclosing a copy of our 2017 Community Report for your information. In it you will see the community connections and impacts we made in the past year. With your 2018 Budget investment in public libraries, libraries can do even more and contribute to a vibrant, prosperous Ontario.

Kind regards,



Gary Price

Chair, Cambridge Public Library Board carrying on business as Idea Exchange

cc:

The Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance

The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs

The Honourable Eleanor McMahon, Minister Responsible for Digital Government

The Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development

The Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Transportation, MPP Cambridge

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