



Town of
East Gwillimbury

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Stephen Abram, Executive Director
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Dear S. Abram,

For your information and records, at its regular meeting held on June 5, 2018, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community hubs that offer digital inclusion, cultural programming and lifelong learning opportunities and where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and collaborate; and

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

WHEREAS the East Gwillimbury Public Library continues to evolve its services to meet the needs of the community, including fostering digital literacy and actively supporting STEM curriculum at local elementary schools; and

WHEREAS the East Gwillimbury Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the East Gwillimbury Public Library respectfully requests that Council 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

THAT Council urges the Province to reinstate adequate appropriate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with consumer price index; and

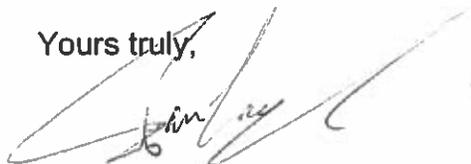
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THAT a copy of this resolution be sent the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP's, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to York Region and local area municipalities.

If you have, any further questions feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tara Lajevardi', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tara Lajevardi, Hon.B.A.
Deputy Clerk – Council Support Services

cc: Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs
J. Munro, MPP – York Simcoe
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Library Association
Regional Municipality of York
All Local Area Municipalities