

March 27, 2019

The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Hearst Block, 9th Floor  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1

Dear Honourable Jones,

During the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019, the following resolution was adopted:

"Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Espanola Public Library Board that: Council for the Town of Espanola endorse the Huntsville Town Council Resolution of April 23, 2018 in support of continued, adequate, sustainable provincial funding of Ontario public libraries, increasing annually in line with the consumer price index; And Further That: the province commit to adequate and sustained funding for a shared and efficient Ontario Digital Library; And Further That: a copy of the resolution of support be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, to the Minister of Municipal affairs, to our local MPP, to the Ontario Library Association and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries."

We welcome the opportunity to work together to achieve a sustainable funding program that benefits all parties.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Townsend  
CAO/Treasurer

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Michael Mantha, MPP Algoma Manitoulin  
Ontario Library Association  
✓ Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

The Town of Espanola is committed to serving the needs of our community by supporting the positive, well-balanced, social, economic, environmental and physical growth of the town. We will continue to pursue excellence by providing accountable and affordable services while promoting the highest quality of life.



*Example*

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville Town Council

Date: April 23, 2018

No. 122-18

Moved by: Brian Thompson

Seconded by: [Signature]

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

**AND WHEREAS:** The Huntsville 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 Huntsville Public Library continues to evolve its services to meet the changing needs of the community and,

**AND WHEREAS:** The Huntsville Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services in the context of shifting demand and limited resources;

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Council of the Town of Huntsville 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 acknowledgement of the services they offer to all residents;

**AND FURTHER THAT:** The Council of the Town of Huntsville 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 FURTHER THAT:** The Council of the Town of Huntsville urges the Province of Ontario to commit funds to a shared and efficient Ontario Digital Library in order to provide equitable online services to all Ontarians;

**AND FURTHER 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 Ontario Library Association, and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

**RECORDED VOTE**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	YEA	NAY
Councillor Alcock		
Councillor Armour		
Councillor FitzGerald		
Councillor Schumacher		
Councillor Stone		
Deputy Mayor Terziano		
Councillor Thompson		
Councillor Wiebe		
Mayor Alchison		
TOTAL:		

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	PERSONAL	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	OTHER
Councillor Alcock				
Councillor Armour				
Councillor FitzGerald				
Councillor Schumacher				
Councillor Stone				
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Councillor Thompson				
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Carried: 