



March 14, 2018

Mr. Stephen Abram
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
c/o North York Central Library
5120 Yonge Street
Toronto, On
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Dear Mr. Abram,

This is to advise that the Grand Valley Public Library Board passed the following resolution on March 14, 2018, regarding the need for increased funding for libraries.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley Public Library continues to seek funding opportunities through donor development and sponsorships to increase services and expand programming outside of their core funding; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Grand Valley Public Library continues to have limited resource budget despite an increase in new cardholders and programming participants; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services, materials, and programming;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Grand Valley Public Library 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 Board of the Grand Valley Public Library 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 Premier of Ontario, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, Minister of Finance, Minister of Education, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, to the Ontario Library Association, to local MPPs, and local municipalities"

Carried.

Yours truly,

Carol Hall

Chair

Town of Grand Valley Public Library Board

cc: Hon. Premiere Wynne
Hon. Daiene Vernile, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Hon. Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education
Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Hon. Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development
Sylvia Jones, M.P.P. - Dufferin-Caledon
Shelagh Paterson, Ontario Library Association
Steve Soloman, Mayor, Town of Grand Valley
Don MacIver, Mayor, Township of Amaranth
Guy Guardhouse, Mayor, Township of East Garafraxa