



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 7, 2018

The Honourable Bill Mauro
Minister of Municipal Affairs
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON
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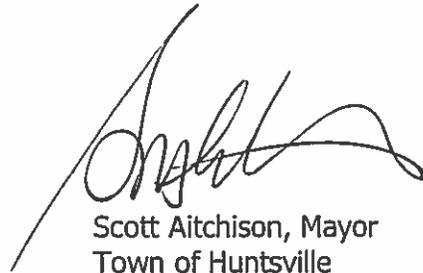
Dear Honourable Mauro:

Re: Funding for Local Libraries

Please be advised that during the Town of Huntsville Council Meeting held on April 23, 2018, Council passed resolution 122-18, with regard to funding for local libraries (as attached).

We thank you for your attention regarding this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Scott Aitchison, Mayor
Town of Huntsville

SA:bj
Encl.

cc: Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, The Honourable Daiene Vernile
Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound – Muskoka
Ontario Library Association
✓ Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville Town Council

Date: April 23, 2018

No. 122-18

Moved by: Brian Thompson

Seconded by: Kevin [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 Aitchison		
TOTAL:		

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	PERSONAL	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	OTHER
Councillor Alcock				
Councillor Armour				
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Councillor Schumacher				
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Mayor Aitchison				

Carried: _____

