

# The Corporation of the City of Kenora Council Resolution



Resolution No. 18

Moved by Raymond Mills

Seconded by Kirsi Rallo

**March 19, 2019**

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Whereas public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and

Whereas the Kenora Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contribute to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and

Whereas the Kenora Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives such as lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to government websites and services; and

Whereas the Kenora Public Library continues to seek funding opportunities through grants, donor development and sponsorships to increase services, complete capital projects, and expand programming outside of their core funding; and

Whereas the Kenora Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services; and

Whereas the Kenora Public Library requests that the City of Kenora Council urge 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;

Therefore Be It Resolved That City Council supports the Kenora Public Library's request for the Government of Ontario to end the 20-year freeze on public library funding, an initiative spearheaded by the Ontario Library Association and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries; and further

That the City of Kenora 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 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 Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

Defeated  Carried



Mayor  
or A/Mayor

| Recorded Vote             | AYE | NAY | Dec. of Interest | Absent |
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| Councillor Goss           |     |     |                  |        |
| Councillor McMillan       |     |     |                  |        |
| Councillor Poirier        |     |     |                  |        |
| Councillor Ralko          |     |     |                  |        |
| Councillor Smith          |     |     |                  |        |
| Councillor Van Wallegghem |     |     |                  |        |
| Mayor Reynard             |     |     |                  |        |

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