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March 7, 2018

Sent by email to: [sabram@fopl.ca](mailto:sabram@fopl.ca)

Stephen Abram

Executive Director, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Dear Mr. Abram:

**RE: Newmarket Public Library Resolution regarding Increased Provincial Funding for Public Libraries**

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Council, at the regular meeting held on March 5, 2018 adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket and the Newmarket Public Library Board 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 acknowledgement to the services they offer to all residents; and,
2. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket and the Newmarket Public Library Board urge 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,
3. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket and the Newmarket Public Library Board urge 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,
4. 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.

**Please see the attached resolution.**



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiran Saini".

Kiran Saini  
Deputy Clerk

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March 5, 2018

Moved by: Councillor Vegh

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

### **Resolution R6-2018**

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

Whereas the Newmarket Public Library engages with the community to provide a centre of learning, dialogue, and discovery; and,

Whereas the Newmarket Public Library continues to have a limited resource budget despite an increase in digital borrowing of 488 percent, the addition of many technology help and discovery programs, and the establishment of the Maker Hub, a new digital creative space; and,

Whereas the Newmarket Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;

Therefore be it Resolved:

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Mayor Tony Van Bynen