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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Hearst Block, 9th Floor
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E1

ATTN: Hon. Daiene Vernile - Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

RE: Funding for Local Public Libraries

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, at its regular meeting held on April 16, 2018, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS: public libraries act as community hubs providing safe, inclusive spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, create and collaborate;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contributes to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and continually seeks funding opportunities through donations, sponsorships and grants in order to expand and enhance service beyond the level possible with core funding;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library continues to deliver collections, programs and services that support provincial initiatives such as poverty reduction, lifelong learning, skill development, local economic development, health literacy, equitable access to provincial government online services and reconciliation with indigenous peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (Council) 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 public libraries in an acknowledgement of the services they offer to all residents;

AND FURTHER that the Council urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local public libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index;



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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 local MPPs, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, to the Region of Niagara and to local area municipalities.

The Council of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake respectfully requests your favourable consideration and support of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Todd,
Town Clerk

Copy:

The Hon. Wayne Gates MPP
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Ontario Library Association
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
Niagara Region and Local Area Municipalities