

## **Norfolk County Public Library**

46 Colborne Street South  
Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 4H3

Heather King, CEO ext. 1253  
Kasey Whitwell, Administrative Coordinator ext. 1258  
Phone: 519.426.3506 Fax: 519.426.8918

March 1, 2018

Hon. Kathleen Wynne, MPP  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 281, Legislative Building  
Queens's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

### **RE: Public Library Funding support for the 2018 Budget**

Please be advised that the Norfolk County Public Library Board passed the following resolution on February 21, 2018, regarding the need for increased funding for public libraries:

Moved by: Gerry Kott  
Seconded by: Jane-Ann Smith

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

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

WHEREAS, the Norfolk County Public Library continues to deliver services to our rural citizens that support provincial initiatives, such as early literacy, STEM education, poverty reduction, lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy and provides equitable access to provincial government websites and services; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Norfolk County Public Library continues to have a limited resources budget despite an increase in new cardholders, an increase in book and eBook circulation, social media presence and the establishment of Maker Space tools, rooms and activities; and

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

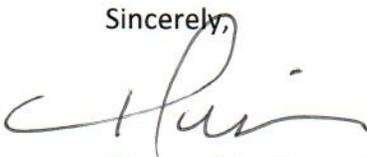
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Norfolk County Public Library Board urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries with their communities and to cease the 20 year budget freeze to local libraries in an acknowledgement to the services they offer to all residents; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Norfolk County Public Library Board 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

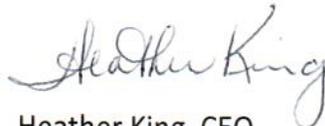
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for Early Years & Child Care, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, President of the Treasury Board & Digital Government, to the local MPP, to Norfolk County Council, to the Ontario Library Association, and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Thomas Morrison, Chairperson  
Norfolk County Public Library



Heather King, CEO  
Norfolk County Public Library

- C: Hon. K. Wynne, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. D Vernile, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Hon. Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education & Minister Responsible for Early Years  
Hon. Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development  
Hon. Eleanor McMahon, Present of the Treasury Board & Digital Government  
MPP Toby Barrett  
Norfolk Mayor Charlie Luke  
Barbara Franchetto, Ontario Library Association  
Stephen Abram, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries