



The Honorable Daiene Vernile
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
9th Floor, Hearst Block
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Re: Funding for Libraries in 2018 Budget

Dear Minister Vernile,

On behalf of the Stratford Public Library Board, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for your Government's recognition of the importance of public libraries in your 2018 budget, A Plan for Care and Opportunity.

Your commitment will help us broaden our roles as community hubs, as centres of innovation, and as access points for technology and digital resources, as well as being spaces for cultural experiences. We will also be able to leverage our infrastructure even further to support education, reduce the impacts of poverty, and foster community economic development.

The library community has been working closely with your Government for some time and we look forward to our continued partnership into the future.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs

The Honorable Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education & Minister Responsible for Early Years & Child Care

The Honorable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development

The Honorable Eleanor McMahon, President of the Treasury Board & Minister Responsible for Digital Government

The Honorable Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth-Wellington

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