The Municipality of Port Hope at their regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2018 passed the following resolution with regard to the Province of Ontario’s Freeze on Public Library Funding, I provide this for your consideration and support:

**Resolution 19/2018**

*Moved by Councillor T. Hickey*

*Seconded by Councillor J. Lees*

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

**AND WHEREAS** the Port Hope Public Library continues to seek funding opportunities through donor development and sponsorships to increase services and expand programming outside of their core funding;

**AND WHEREAS**the Port Hope Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Port Hope Public Library Board requests that the Municipality of Port Hope 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 acknowledgement of the services they offer all residents;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Port Hope support the position of the Ontario Library Association (OLA) and the Federation of Public Libraries (FOPL) in that the Province of Ontario provide sustainable, predictable funding for all public and First Nations libraries across Ontario by increasing annual base funding from $33 million to $50 million;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**a copy of Council’s resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Leaders of the Opposition parties in the Ontario Legislative Assembly, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to our local MPP Lou Rinaldi, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to the County of Northumberland and local area municipalities.

I provide this for your information and consideration.

Tania Wilson, Administrative Assistant

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Municipality of Port Hope

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