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All Ontario Municipalities

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: REDUCTION IN PROVINCIAL FUNDING TO LIBRARIES

Please be advised that the Council of The Town of New Tecumseth passed the following resolution at its meeting of May 27, 2019:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has reduced by 50% the funding to Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service North, resulting in the suspension of inter-library loan service and postage subsidy, with further service cuts yet to be announced;

AND WHEREAS the users of small libraries will be significantly negatively impacted by the loss of equitable access to materials and information;

AND WHEREAS the resulting increased costs of postage will not have been considered in the budget preparation for the current fiscal year and will require lending libraries to carefully consider whether to fill an inter-library loan request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth strongly urges the Ontario government to restore the funding to Ontario Library Service North and Southern Ontario Library Service at a minimum to the previous 2018 funding level;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Michael Tibolla, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Sport; Jim Wilson, MPP; Doug Ford, Premier; Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Kane".

Barbara Kane
Deputy Clerk

cc: Michael Tibollo, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Sport
Doug Ford, Premier
Association of Municipalities of Ontario