April 3, 2018

Re: Resolution for Consideration, Increased Funding for Libraries

At the regular meeting of Council on March 21, 2018, the following resolution was carried:

Be it Resolved That:

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: J. Aultman

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

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

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley 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, in 2017 the Grand Valley Public Library continues to have limited resource budget despite an increase in new cardholders and programming participants; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley 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 Board of the Grand Valley Public Library 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 libraries in an acknowledgement to the services they offer to all residents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of the Grand Valley Public Library 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 Education, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, to the Ontario Library Association, to local MPPs, and local municipalities.