April 25, 2018

The Honourable Daiene Vernile
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Hearst Block, 9th Floor
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1

Dear Madam:

Re: Increased Provincial Funding for Ontario Public Libraries

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on April 23, 2018, adopted the enclosed resolution in support of the Brock Township Public Library Board’s request for the provincial government to develop a new and comprehensive funding model for Ontario Public Libraries.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

[Signature]

Thomas G. Gettinby, MA, MCIP, RPP, CMO
CAO & Municipal Clerk

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Encl.

cc. The Honourable Bill Munro, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Laurie Scott, MPP
Lynn Dollin, President, AMO
[Ontario Library Association]
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, Region of Durham
All Durham Region Municipalities
Susan Dalton, CEO Brock Township Public Library Board

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.
WHEREAS: public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community hubs where residents of all backgrounds are welcome to learn, work, connect and collaborate;

WHEREAS: the Brock Township Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contributes to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources;

WHEREAS: the Brock Township Public Library continues to evolve its services to meet the needs of a changing community, including a new generation of residents who think, learn, read and collaborate in new ways;

WHEREAS: the Brock Township Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of their services;

WHEREAS: the Brock Township Public Library delivers, or facilitates, services that support provincial initiatives such as lifelong learning and skills development, local economic development, poverty reduction, health literacy, Early ON programming, and provides equitable access to provincial government websites and services;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Brock 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;

THERE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Brock urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries and to the Region of Durham and local municipalities for endorsement.

Motion Carried