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Moved by: Barr Ireland MacInnis Snowdon Suthren Weedmark
Seconded by: Barr Ireland MacInnis Snowdon Suthren Weedmark

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

AND WHEREAS the Merrickville-Wolford Public Library engages with the community to provide a centre of learning and recreation;

AND WHEREAS the Merrickville-Wolford Public Library continues to have a limited resource budget despite increased hours, expanded programming and a growing membership;

AND WHEREAS the Merrickville-Wolford Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby 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 acknowledgement of the services they offer to all residents; and
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THAT Council 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

THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to commit funds to a shared and efficient Ontario Digital Library in order to provide equitable online services to all Ontarians; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP, to the Ontario Library Association, and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

Carried / Defeated

David Nash, Mayor