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The Honourable Neil Lumsden
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Local Area Municipalities

Local Area Libraries

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Re: Public Libraries and Older Adults

Please be advised that at its meeting of September 4, 2024, the Port Colborne Library Board passed the following motion:

“WHEREAS Niagara Region and, specifically Port Colborne, has a significant aging cohort, particularly vulnerable to isolation in the digital world; and

WHEREAS the role of local libraries is definitely that of a community hub, offering numerous educational and socializing opportunities for all ages; and

WHEREAS the provincial funding model has remained unchanged for over 25 years and restricts “library growth and potential”; and

WHEREAS while we are respectful of Seniors Community Grants, today’s economic realities suggest libraries are in need of a funding increase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that item C165 respecting Public Libraries and Older Adults be received and supported; and

THAT the Port Colborne Public Library supports the advocacy of the Federation of Public Libraries and the Ontario Library Service and hereby calls upon the Province of Ontario to increase funding for public libraries, and; For the creation of an Ontario Digital Public Library.”

Should you have any questions, please contact me at
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Regards,

Rachel Tkachuk, Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: Township of Wainfleet Resolution Re: Public Libraries and Older Adults