



May 9, 2019

All Ontario Municipalities

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Township of Essa Request for Support - Resolution No. CW097-2019
Re: Support of Essa Public Library Board Initiative

Please be advised that at its meeting of May 1, 2019, Council of the Township of Essa passed the following motion in respect of support of the Essa Public Library Board:

Resolution No: CW097-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS the Ontario Library Service North and Southern Ontario Library Service provide the support for interlibrary loans, staff and board training, bulk purchasing, collaborative programming, technological supports, shared electronic book collections and shared catalogue databases; and WHEREAS Township of Essa Council supports the Essa Public Library Board in their initiative to circulate a petition seeking support for the Ontario Public Library Board in their request for the reinstatement of funding to the Ontario Library Service (North and South) agencies to, at a minimum, 2017-18 funding levels, in order for these agencies to continue their day-to-day support of Ontario Public Library Services, and to continue to maintain base funding for Ontario Public Libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the office of MPP Simcoe-Grey Jim Wilson, AMO, County of Simcoe Council, and all Simcoe County municipalities for their support.

----Carried----

Council has further requested that letters of support be sent directly to the Township of Essa, and that the attached petition be made available to the public.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lehr, CMO
Clerk

cc. MPP Simcoe-Grey, Jim Wilson
AMO
All Simcoe County Municipalities

Support Ontario's Public Libraries

When completed, please forward to:

We the undersigned, therefore petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

- for the reinstatement of funding to the Ontario Library Service (North and South) agencies to at minimum, the 2017 - 2018 funding levels, in order for these agencies to continue the day-to-day support of Ontario Public Library Services;
- to continue to maintain base funding for Ontario Public Libraries.

WHEREAS value for money and respect for taxpayer dollars are the umbrella under which the agencies operate – allowing libraries to share resources and expertise in an efficient and cost-effective manner – while also allowing them to best serve their individual communities;

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