



Municipality of Brockton

Attention: Members of the Council of the Municipality of Brockton

100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68

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Re: Request for Funding - \$500

Dear Mayor Peabody, Deputy Mayor Gieruszak, and Councillors Adams, Elphick, Hutcheon, Lang and Leifso:

January 27, 2022, is Family Literacy Day, a day to highlight the importance of the development of literacy and numeracy skills in our children and youth. The past two years have had a huge impact on literacy and numeracy as educational institutions have needed to adapt to online learning. We do not know the full impacts yet, however, early reports from the Royal Society of Canada around the *Impact of COVID-19 on Language and Literacy in Canada* and a study from the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), outline the negative effects of COVID-19 on youth literacy, including 100 million children failing basic reading skills because of COVID-19 in 2020. How can the Municipality of Brockton help?

Financial assistance from the Municipality of Brockton would help with outreach to community members and schools in Brockton, help develop our literacy library, expand our virtual learning tools, and assist in online educational opportunities. We are looking for funding in the amount of \$500.

The South Grey Bruce Literacy Council (SGBYLC) is a charitable organization which has been providing assistance to children and youth for over twenty-five years. The success of this established program is well documented and we continue to adapt and evolve with the needs of the community. We are currently working with students out of our office in Hanover and in the Durham town hall.

We provide free, confidential learning assistance to children and youth aged 6 to 18, who are struggling with reading, writing, and/or math. We provide training and resources to volunteers who help support these students. It has been proven that help received early in life can help a young person improve their literacy and numeracy skills, resulting in the development of confidence.

We obtain funding from various organizations, donations, and fundraising events. But as always municipal funding is vital, both in helping us deliver our literacy program and because it demonstrates your awareness and commitment to supporting the children and youth of our community.

We currently have no paid staff and the SGBYLC is being run entirely by volunteers. Please consider our request for funding and help to continue support the children and youth of our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Glazier, Chair

On behalf of the Board of the South Grey Bruce Youth Literacy Council