



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

WHEREAS, according to the Statement of Public Library Funding dated Thursday, April 18, 2019 by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Honourable Michael Tibollo, we appreciate that base funding for public libraries will be maintained, we call into question the statement that the **Ontario Library Service** agencies “have no involvement in day-to-day operations of Ontario’s public libraries”;

WHEREAS we question how involved the agencies need to be in order to be considered crucial for the day-to-day operations of all provincial libraries, but even more specifically for small, northern and rural libraries;

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Espanola Public Library, 245 Avery Drive, Espanola ON P5E 1S4

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.**

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