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Kathi Maskell, Chair
Hanover Public Library Board
451 10th Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Maskell:

Re: Resolution - Cuts to Ontario Library Services

Please be advised that at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2019 the Council of the Town of Hanover passed the following resolution:

Moved by COUNCILLOR HOCKING | Seconded by COUNCILLOR FLEET
WHEREAS the provincially funded Ontario Library Service agencies (Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service – North) provide vital shared and collaborative public library services, including the Overdrive ebook collection, inter-library loan system and deliveries, technical support, skills training, and other services that are not sustainable by small and rural libraries alone;
WHEREAS the Ontario Library Service agencies ensure consistent quality and range of services are available to citizens through all public libraries no matter where they are located;
WHEREAS the Ontario Library Service agencies exist to provide value for money, efficiency and respect for taxpayer dollars by acting as a source of expertise and coordination, and leverage combined purchasing power to reduce operating costs for all Ontario public libraries; and
WHEREAS the role of these agencies is crucial to the day-to-day provision of services to the public at libraries of all sizes in every part of Ontario;
THEREFORE, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

1. To reverse the 50% funding cuts to Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service – North agencies and reinstate provincial funding for these services to at least the 2017-2018 funding level, and
2. To maintain the operating grant funding for all Ontario libraries.

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the MPP, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and all municipalities in Ontario. **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Brian Tocheri
CAO/Clerk

cc Honourable Mike Tobolloa, Minister of Culture, Recreation & Sport – minister.mtcs@ontario.ca
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