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October 23, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier for the Government of Ontario
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premier@ontario.ca

Re: Policy Without Appropriation: Physician Shortage in Northern Ontario and the Practice Ready Ontario Program; Support of Bruce Mines Resolution No. 2026-181

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, we are writing to you in support of the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines resolution no. 2026-181 addressing the physician shortage in Northern Ontario.

Being that Northern Ontario's municipalities face a structural imbalance that is fundamentally different from communities in the south. We are small in population, geographically dispersed, and operate with limited tax bases that cannot support the escalating costs associated with physician recruitment, retention, and community health infrastructure. Despite these limitations, municipalities are increasingly expected to shoulder responsibilities that fall squarely within the provincial mandate for health care delivery.

Municipalities have stepped in where we can, but we cannot continue to fund physician recruitment packages, housing incentives, locum coverage, or clinic operations without dedicated provincial support. The current model places an unsustainable burden on small communities that simply do not have the tax revenue to fill the gaps left by the provincial health care system.

Therefore, the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin endorses Resolution 226-2026:

We respectfully request that the Province of Ontario:

1. ***Establish a dedicated Northern Ontario Physician Recruitment and Retention Fund,*** *accessible to small and rural municipalities ensuring communities are not forced to subsidize provincial healthcare responsibilities.*
2. ***Work directly with Northern municipalities*** *to develop a coordinated strategy that reflects the unique demographic, geographic, and fiscal realities of the North.*

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and kindly request a written response from your office.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc.

Ms. Marit Stiles
Leader of the Official Opposition
Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario

Mr. John Fraser
Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier of Ontario Minister of Health

The Honourable George Pirie
Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth

Bill Rosenberg
Member of Provincial Parliament Algoma-Manitoulin

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Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Distributed to all Ontario municipalities.

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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Finance
Honorable Victor Fedeli; Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
Northern Ontario Municipalities Association;
Councils of each of Ontario's Municipalities.

RE: Support FONOM - Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant.

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of August 27, 2026, the following motion was approved:

225-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the Corporation of the Township of McGarry meeting dated June 4, 2026:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of Northern Ontario Policing Grant.*

WHEREAS *Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;*

AND WHEREAS *many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;*

AND WHEREAS *recent increase in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;*

AND WHEREAS *Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;*

AND WHEREAS *municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a $100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;*

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AND THAT *the grant includes a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;*

AND THAT *the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognized the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.*

Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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Town of Cobourg

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Sent via email
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October 21, 2026

RE: Correspondence received from Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA) regarding municipalities' support for the permanent doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 23, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Correspondence received from Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA) regarding municipalities' support for the permanent doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; and

WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200M/year to $400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026; and

WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality; and

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all appropriate Provincial representatives, including relevant Ministers, Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), and Provincial agencies, as applicable; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be distributed to all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Laryssa McGlashon

Laryssa McGlashon
Council and Committee Coordinator

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

GANANOQUE

Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

14 October 2026

The Municipal Councils of Ontario

Request for Endorsement - Declaration Against Religious Violence

Colleagues,

I write to you today knowing that we are all aware of the horrible trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted. In light of this, and following recent tragic events at the Sons of Jacob synagogue in Belleville I drafted, put forward and signed the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence at the October 7th meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque.

As a 30-year veteran of the Canadian Forces with service all across Canada, in Europe, as a UN Peacekeeper in the Middle East, and service in Afghanistan, I have witnessed what happens when intolerance and "othering" are allowed to take root and grow.

I believe that the importance of publicly stating the fundamental principles for which we stand, that we refuse to compromise and will defend, and the kinds of behaviour we oppose and will stand against, cannot be overstated. Central to this is the defence of the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

Therefore, and on behalf of the Council of Gananoque, we invite you to join us by endorsing the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence and ask if you would please forward to us a copy of your endorsement with cc Minister Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism of the Province of Ontario.

Thank you for your consideration,

John S. Beddows

John S. Beddows, CD1, MPA
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Declaration

In light of, and having reflected on the tragic trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted, I am writing today as the Mayor of Gananoque to publicly articulate a simple message of what I believe we stand for in our Town, and what we stand against.

Here in Gananoque we stand for community, understanding, communication, caring, supporting our neighbours, courtesy, kindness, the value of hard work, the fact that respect must be earned by the way we comport ourselves and conduct our lives as individuals and a simple and unshakable belief that a stranger is a friend you haven't met yet.

We believe that all people share, at core, the same hopes and aspirations. We all want our children to be able to attend school, move freely, live, play and congregate without fear or concern. We want our children to have the same opportunities or better ones than we had to grow, learn, love, laugh, experience, travel, work and succeed on their own terms and as they define success. We all want security of place, security from hunger, security of our persons and security of our property. We believe in building bridges, not fences. We believe in the power of debate, that facts matter, and of understanding. We believe in providing help to those who need it and in doing our best to ensure that everyone has a place to find help, warmth and hope when they need it, without judgement.

We believe that faith is a personal choice and that the individual and collective quest for truth brings hope and light into a world which need them very badly.

We assert and we will stand and defend the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

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The other side of the coin. Here is what Gananoque stands against.

We stand against "othering". We stand against the objectification of people. We stand against any person or group that denies that all persons are equal in rights, dignity and freedoms. We stand against any person or group that seeks to use or that uses violence or intimidation as tools to target persons or groups or to try to change our society, our way of life and who we are as Canadians.

Here in Gananoque when a neighbour's house is on fire, we run towards the flames and not away. This will not change.

Hate has no home here.

Signed and dated this 7th day of October, 2026.

John S. Beddows, Mayor

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Municipality of Grey Highlands — The place for all seasons

October 07, 2026

Premier Ford
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Sent via email

To whom it may concern:

Re: 2026-673

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the October 07, 2026 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

> **2026-673**
> **That Council receive the North Glengarry - Request for the Province to expand financial commitment to all Municipalities for a province wide approach to public safety for information; and**
> **That Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands hereby support the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board In their request for the Province of Ontario to expand their stated interest and Financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the wellbeing of all Ontarians; and**
> **That this resolution be sent to the following: Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Finance, AMO, ROMA, and All Municipalities in Ontario.**
> **CARRIED.**

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-Vanalstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

cc. Minister of Transportation, Minister of Finance, AMO, ROMA and all Municipalities

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CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Council Meeting

Date: Monday September 14, 2026

Resolution No. 9
MOVED BY: Jeff Manley
SECONDED BY: Michael Madden

Whereas the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

Whereas the commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

And Whereas such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children;

Now Therefore, be It Resolved that Council of the Township of The Township of North Glengarry hereby support the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board in their request for the Province of Ontario to expand their stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

And That this resolution be sent to the following: Premier Doug Ford . Minister of Transportation. Minister of Finance MPP Brian Saunderson . AMO . ROMA . All 444 Municipalities in Ontario

CARRIED **DEFEATED** **DEFERRED**

[redacted]

MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

	YEA	NEA
Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams	___	___
Councillor: Jacques Massie	___	___
Councillor: Brian Caddell	___	___
Councillor: Jeff Manley	___	___
Councillor: Michael Madden	___	___
Councillor: Gary Martin	___	___
Mayor: Jamie MacDonald	___	___

PRESS RELEASE | For Immediate Release

October 19, 2026

New Huntsville Hwy 60 EV fast chargers power fall-colour trips to Algonquin Park

Four fast-charging ports on the Highway 60 corridor give EV drivers a convenient place to recharge on the way to the park, with native CCS and NACS options.

HUNTSVILLE, ON — October 19, 2026 — A fall-colour drive to Algonquin Park just became easier for electric vehicle drivers. Lakeland EV Charging, in partnership with the District of Muskoka and with funding support from Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and MTO ChargeON, has opened a new public fast-charging station at 330 Highway 60 in Huntsville.

Located directly on the Highway 60 route between Huntsville and Algonquin Park, just east of downtown Huntsville, the charging station is on the District of Muskoka's water treatment plant property near Fairyview Drive making it the perfect place to recharge. The nearby Fairy Vista Trail gives travellers a place to stretch their legs or walk the dog, while the iconic Kawartha Dairy log cabin ice-cream store is a 1.5 km walk away.

The site includes four 240 kW fast-charging ports: two with CCS connectors and two with NACS connectors. It is one of the first Lakeland EV Charging sites to offer both connector types, making charging easier for a wider range of vehicles. The station is also Lakeland EV Charging's first installation using fast-charging equipment from TEAL, a Canadian company based in Saskatchewan.

The project builds on a partnership formed in 2024, after a competitive procurement process, between Lakeland EV Charging and the District of Muskoka. The District is providing the Highway 60 site at no cost under a long-term lease. Funding was provided in part through Environment and Climate Change Canada's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP), and Ontario Ministry of Transportation's ChargeON.

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“Fall is one of the best times to experience Muskoka and Algonquin Park, and this station gives EV drivers a convenient new place to recharge along the way,” said Peter Ewald, Director of Lakeland EV Charging. “It’s easy to find and close to places where people can enjoy a walk or a local treat while they charge. It’s exactly the kind of practical, welcoming stop we want our network to offer.”

“This partnership helps make EV travel more accessible for residents and visitors while supporting Muskoka’s tourism economy,” said **Lauren Saville, Community Climate Initiatives Coordinator with the District of Muskoka**. “By making District property available for the station, we are helping add dependable charging on an important route through our region and toward Algonquin Park.”



Lakeland EV Charging new public fast charging site at 330 Highway 60 in Huntsville, just east of downtown Huntsville on the District of Muskoka’s water treatment plant property near Fairyview Drive

By expanding charging infrastructure, we are giving Canadians more transportation options, supporting the shift to cleaner vehicles and helping build a stronger, more competitive Canada. Projects like the Huntsville station demonstrate the importance of collaboration between governments and businesses in building out clean energy projects to power the net-zero economy of the future.

– **The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature**

It is the partnership’s second charging location, following the opening in 2025 four Level 2 charging ports at The Pines, one of the District’s long-term care homes, at 98 Pine Street in Bracebridge.

Drivers can find the Highway 60 station, check charger availability and learn more about the Lakeland EV Charging network at lakelandevcharging.ca.

About Lakeland EV Charging

Lakeland EV Charging is the electric vehicle charging brand of Lakeland Solutions, an energy-innovation team within Bracebridge Generation Ltd. Based in Bracebridge, Ontario, Lakeland EV Charging builds and maintains a growing public charging network across Central Ontario, with a focus on dependable, locally supported charging.

About the District of Muskoka

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The District of Muskoka is made up of six area municipalities and is responsible for delivering critical public services and programs to residents in our community.[MA1]

About Environment and Climate Change Canada

Environment and Climate Change Canada protects and conserves Canada's natural environment, takes action on climate change and pollution, and supports the transition to a low-carbon economy. Through initiatives such as the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, the department is helping build the infrastructure needed to support the adoption of zero-emission vehicles across Canada.

Media contact

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The Town Of PLYMPTON-WYOMING

Date: 14 October 2026 **8**

Moved By: Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded By: Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support correspondence item 'b' from the City of Hamilton regarding the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit Return Program.

✓		
Carried	Defeated	Deferred

	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson		
Netty McEwen		
Alex Boughen		
Kristen Rodrigues		
John van Klaveren		
Mike Vasey		
Bob Woolvett		

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TOWNSHIP OF
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The Honourable Doug Ford
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October 7, 2026

RE: 6.5, 6.6, and 6.7 regarding support for funding of public libraries

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 24, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-310: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.5, 6.6, and 6.7 regarding support for funding of public libraries; and

Whereas Council supports the resolutions of the City of Port Colborne, District of Parry Sound and Village of Burk's Falls;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Zee Hamid, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, zee.hamid@pc.ola.org

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Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara West, jburch-qp@ndp.on.ca
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September 15, 2026

Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the Township of Armour regarding Support for Sustainable and Predictable Operating funding for Ontario's Public Libraries

Please be advised that, at its meeting of September 8, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Township of Armour regarding support for Sustainable and Predictable Operating funding for Ontario's Public Libraries.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Zee Hamid, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara West
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Date: **August 11, 2026**

Motion # 2026-236

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Township of Armour and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at $13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Armour's contribution to library services has increased from $14,097.99 in 2001 to $98,722 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Moved by:			**Seconded by:**		
	Blakelock, Rod	☐		Blakelock, Rod	☐
	Brandt, Jerry	☐		Brandt, Jerry	☑
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☑		Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☐
	Ward, Rod	☐		Ward, Rod	☐
	Whitwell, Wendy	☐		Whitwell, Wendy	☐

Carried / Defeated [redacted]

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

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Date: **August 11, 2026**

Recorded vote requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	☐	☐
Brandt, Jerry	☐	☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☐	☐
Ward, Rod	☐	☐
Whitwell, Wendy	☐	☐

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The Municipality of the

VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: [redacted] Date: September 15, 2026

Seconded By: [redacted] Resolution # 2026-256

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Village of Burk's Fall and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at $13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Burk's Falls contribution to library services has increased from $11,788.00 in 2001 to $64,738 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	*for / opposed*
Ashley Brandt	*for / opposed*
Sean Cotton	*for / opposed*
Chris Hope	*for / opposed*
Nancy Kyte	*for / opposed*

[redacted]

Carried *Defeated* *Deferred*

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

_____

_____

[redacted]

Mayor [redacted]