

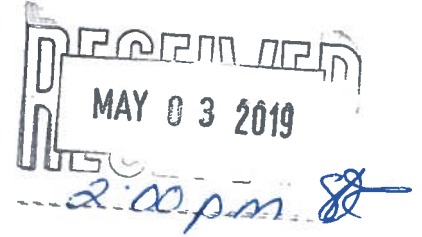
# Temagami Public Library

Box 220, 7 Lakeshore Drive, Temagami, Ontario P0H 2H0



May 2, 2019

The Municipality of Temagami  
7 Lakeshore Drive  
Temagami, Ontario  
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**Attention: Mayor and Council**

Dear Mayor O'Mara and Members of Council,

As a result of recent cuts to Ontario Library Service - North and Southern Ontario Library Service by the Provincial Government, they have had to reduce services to Ontario Libraries. They are no longer able to fund inter library loans, a vital service to small rural Northern Libraries that allowed us to share books and other resources with other libraries across the province.

Attached is a proposed resolution for Council's consideration. The template for this resolution has been circulated to us by Dryden Public Library and I have edited it for Temagami. Similar resolutions have been or are being sent by libraries to communities across Ontario for support in lobbying the government to restore the funding that was cut back to these organizations so that we can continue to offer such services as the inter library loan service. Please feel free to edit the proposed resolution as you see fit.

There is also a petition asking the Ontario government to reverse their funding cut to Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service North located at the Library. I invite you to please stop by the library and sign the petition.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Quelia Cormier  
CEO – Temagami Public Library

Copy to: Temagami Public Library Board

Enclosure

“WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and,

WHEREAS the Temagami Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contribute to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and,

WHEREAS the Temagami Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives such as lifelong learning and skills development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to government websites and services; and

WHEREAS the Temagami Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services; and

WHEREAS the Temagami Public Library requests that the Municipality of Temagami urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the importance of services provided by Ontario Library Service - North and the Southern Ontario Library Service including the administration of bulk purchasing agreements, technology consultation, strategic planning and policy development consultation, the provincial Interlibrary Loan system, board and staff training opportunities, collection development support, support for First Nations libraries and the administration of the Joint Automation Server Initiative; and

WHEREAS the Temagami Public Library requests that the Municipality of Temagami urge the Province of Ontario to restore funding to Ontario Library Service - North in recognition of the unfair and disproportionate impact of these cuts on Northern Ontario public libraries,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Temagami Municipal Council supports the Temagami Public Library’s request for the Government of Ontario to restore funding to Ontario Library Service - North; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Temagami urges the Province of Ontario to support sustainable long term funding for Ontario’s Public Libraries; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Premier, to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.”