



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

**Memorandum to Council**

Memo No.

2024-M-063

<b>Subject:</b>	Fort Erie – Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	<b>April 11, 2024</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	Correspondence

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive report 24-M-063; and

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience.

**INFORMATION**

Libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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