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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September 15, 2026

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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
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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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Recorded vote requested by: _____

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

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:

_____

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[redacted]

Mayor [redacted]