



PORT COLBORNE

Legislative Services

Municipal Offices: 66 Charlotte Street
Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 3C8 • www.portcolborne.ca

T 905.228.8031 F 905.834.5746

E charlotte.madden@portcolborne.ca

September 15, 2026

Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

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

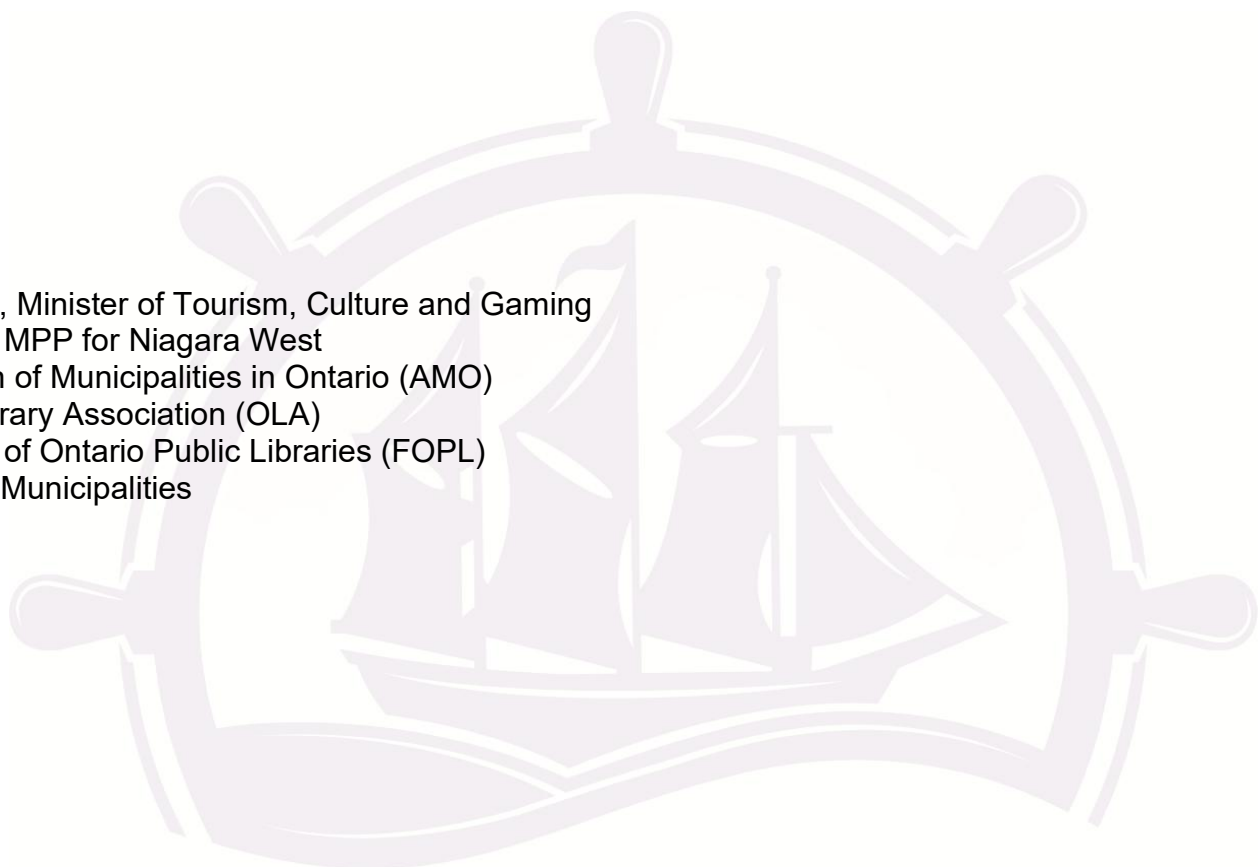
Please be advised that, at its meeting of September 8, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Township of Armour regarding support for Sustainable and Predictable Operating funding for Ontario's Public Libraries.

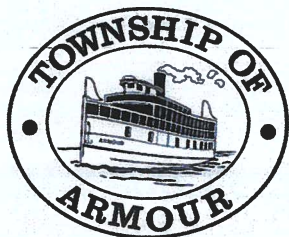
The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Zee Hamid, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara West
Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Library Association (OLA)
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL)
All Ontario Municipalities





DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

56 ONTARIO STREET
PO BOX 533
BURK'S FALLS, ON
P0A 1C0

(705) 382-3332

(705) 382-2954

Fax: (705) 382-2068

Email: admin@armourtownship.ca

Website: www.armourtownship.ca

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;

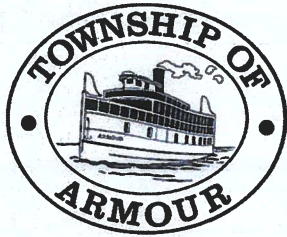
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

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

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

Carried / Defeated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:



DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

56 ONTARIO STREET
PO BOX 533
BURK'S FALLS, ON
P0A 1C0

(705) 382-3332

(705) 382-2954

Fax: (705) 382-2068

Email: admin@armourtownship.ca

Website: www.armourtownship.ca

Date: **August 11, 2026**

Recorded vote requested by:

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

Brandt, Jerry

Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

Ward, Rod

Whitwell, Wendy

For

☐☐☐☐☐

Opposed

☐☐☐☐☐