

Resolution for BCLTA AGM 2018

Reinstate the sub-vote to support public libraries and the library sector

A dedicated budget line (sub-vote) for public libraries of just over \$14 million was removed in the 2011/2012 BC provincial budget. Since that time, funding for public libraries has been allocated from the *Transfer to Other Partners* budget. Without a dedicated budget line for public libraries, Trustees are required to make local budget decisions impacting their communities in an environment of ongoing financial uncertainty. Reinstating a dedicated budget line for public libraries would be a strong signal that the BC Government recognizes the important role that public libraries play in their communities and acknowledges that community service is best delivered in a stable and transparent financial environment.

Whereas a dedicated budget line for public libraries of just over \$14 million was removed in the 2011/2012 BC budget; and

Whereas since the 2011/2012 BC budget, funding for public libraries has been allocated from the *Transfer to Other Partners* budget; therefore, be it

Resolved that the BC Government:

1. Provide provincial funding for public libraries that is adequate, predictable, and sustainable; and
2. Discontinue funding for public libraries via the *Transfer to Other Partners* budget; and
3. Restore a dedicated budget line (sub-vote) for public libraries of just over \$14 million.

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