



2019.07.10

The Honourable Rob Fleming
M.L.A. Minister of Education
PO Box 9179, Stn Prov Govt,
Victoria BC
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CANADA

Dear Minister;

RE: Village of Kaslo resolution 138/2019 Libraries

At the Regular Council meeting of June 11, 2019, the Village of Kaslo received correspondence from the City of Victoria dated May 29, 2019 regarding a request for Provincial support for libraries.

The Village of Kaslo Mayor and Council, by way of resolution, supports advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ian Dunlop'.

Ian Dunlop
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A., Premier of British Columbia
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Village of Kaslo

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July 4th, 2019

Certified to be a true resolution of the Council of the Village of Kaslo on
June 11th, 2019:

138/2019

WHEREAS libraries are a social justice equalizer that provide universal access to information and learning materials irrespective of income levels;

WHEREAS libraries are now so much more than books, building community and a sense of inclusion;

WHEREAS restoring funding to libraries supports the BC Government's agenda to eliminate poverty, improve access to education, and address social justice in BC;

WHEREAS funding rates have been frozen since 2009 and inflationary costs have increasingly been put on municipal property taxpayers which is a regressive approach to funding public libraries;

WHEREAS municipalities face downloading from upper levels of government and have few tools to raise funds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Education, the Premier, and all local MLAs strongly advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to other municipalities across BC requesting their favourable consideration.

CARRIED



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