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Union of BC Municipalities
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Dear UBCM,

The Village of Salmo would like to request favourable consideration to restore Provincial support for libraries. At the June 11, 2019 Council Meeting, Council passed the following resolution #R16-11-19:

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 injustice in BC;

WHEREAS funding rates have been frozen since 2009 and inflationary costs have increasingly been put on municipal property tax payers, 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 the Village of Salmo urges the Province of BC to restore library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

Regards,

Anne Williams
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: *City of Victoria*