



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

0400-10

August 1, 2019

Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
No. 1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6



Dear Mayor Helps:

RE: City of Victoria Resolution to UBCM – Restoring Provincial Support for Libraries

At its July 29, 2019 Council meeting, Metchosin Council considered the City of Victoria's Resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding the restoration of library funding in British Columbia.

Council passed the following resolution in support of the City of Victoria and other communities in the province:

RESOLUTION – Restoring Provincial Support for Libraries

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 tax payers which are 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 District of Metchosin Council endorse this Resolution.

Sincerely,



John Ranns
Mayor

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