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Via email: EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Rob Fleming
Ministry of Education
P.O. Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honourable Rob Fleming,

Re: Provincial Support for Libraries

At the Regular Council meeting of July 8, 2019, the City of Fort St. John received a letter from the City of Victoria referred to in correspondence from the Districts of Houston and Sicamous requesting favorable consideration and resolutions of support to restore Provincial support for libraries.

By way of resolution, the City of Fort St. John and Council extends its support to all three funding models for public libraries in BC (associations, municipal, and regional) advocating for the restoration of library funding to support the BC Government's agenda to eliminate poverty, improve access to education, and address social justice in BC.

By this means, the City of Fort St. John supports an increase in library funding to a level that reflects inflationary cost increases since 2009, provides relief to municipal property tax payers as a result of re-directed inflationary costs and restores the value of this system to the Province.

Sincerely,



Lori Ackerman
Mayor

cc Premier John Horgan
MLA Dan Davies
UBCM Member Municipalities