



SCHEDULE D

Notice of Motion of Agenda submitted by Council Members

All motions need to be accurate, clear as to their purpose, and accompanied by the necessary relevant background information to help inform Council decisions. All Motions being added to a council agenda need adequate time to allow Council to properly reflect on a motion by reviewing proposed changes, asking questions, seeking additional information, and understanding the rationale of motions.

The Clerk and Council Members are expected to proactively work together towards a completed motion submission for an addition to the Council Agenda.

Item:

Support the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries: Creation of an Ontario Digital Public Library

Resolution:

WHEREAS Ontario's public libraries are essential to equitable, reliable access to broadband internet and computers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario government has already committed to recognizing the importance of public libraries to broadband connectivity, including the "Building a Digital Ontario" initiative whereby \$4.8 million in investments were provided for broadband upgrades to over 100 public libraries across the province;

AND WHEREAS people rely on local public libraries for access to digital resources, including for job and career skills training, language learning, tutoring, health information and virtual appointments, and accessibility services;

AND WHEREAS the Espanola Public Library provides critical access to digital resources for many residents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario support the creation of an Ontario Digital Public Library, in line with the attached recommendation from the Ontario Federation of Public Libraries, (FOPL);

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Hon. Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Gaming; Dina Stevens, Executive Director of FOPL, MPP Michael Mantha; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Mover: Aidan Kallioinen

Seconder: _____

Issue:

People living in small, rural communities have on average access to less than a third of the online resources as those living in cities like Toronto - despite relying on those services twice as often per capita than in urban communities.

Purpose/Rationale for the Motion:

(i.e., How does it solve the issue)

This motion will seek to support the creation of a universal set of digital resources alongside the Province and delivery partners such as the Ontario Library Service.

Resources:

- Re: *Supporting Ontario's Public Libraries to Empower Local Economic Growth*: OLA & FOPL Advocacy Priorities July 2024.

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Signature of Member

Aug. 28th, 2024

Date

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Signature of Clerk

Deputy

Aug 29/24

Date