



THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

WHEREAS public libraries are vibrant community hubs where residents of all ages and backgrounds can learn, work, train, innovate, explore and connect;

and, **WHEREAS** the Newmarket Public Library provides community members with equitable, reliable access to broadband internet;

and, **WHEREAS** the Newmarket Public Library uses technology to make resources more accessible and responsive to people's changing needs;

and, **WHEREAS** the Newmarket Public Library supports local economic development through the provision of important business development and job skills programming for adults and youth;

and, **WHEREAS** the Newmarket Public Library works closely with local residents to deliver valued programs and services and shares knowledge and resources;

and, **WHEREAS** the Newmarket Public Library continues to responsibly manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;

and, **WHEREAS** the Newmarket Public Library recognizes the opportunity that targeted provincial investment can provide to secure more equitable access to increasingly significant digital resources and library-based services across Ontario;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. that the Town of Newmarket encourages the Province of Ontario to continue to recognize and support the contribution of local libraries within their communities;
2. that the Town of Newmarket encourages the Province of Ontario to maintain existing funding for Ontario's public libraries,
3. that the Town of Newmarket encourages the Province of Ontario to make a new, ongoing, targeted annual investment to strengthen access to modern, cost-effective digital resources and services for all Ontarians through local public libraries;
4. that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPPs, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to York Region and local area municipalities for endorsement.