

## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 2. Restoring Provincial Library Funding

Submitted by: Councillor Boyle

#### WHEREAS

1. Public libraries require continuous and increasing investment to provide opportunities for life-long learning, increase equity and social inclusion, and create cities that are healthier and more affordable;
2. Provincial funding for public libraries has declined in the past decade as a portion of total revenue allocated to individual BC library systems, from 7% to 4.6%, while the municipal portion has risen from 72% to 80%;
3. This decline in provincial funding reflects a regressive approach of shifting cost to municipal property tax payers.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Vancouver City Council, write a letter to Minister Fleming asking that the BC Government restore library funding to a minimum of \$20 million annually to reflect inflationary and population increases and recommit to a progressive funding approach, reflecting the role of public libraries in achieving the goals of the Province and our communities.
- B. THAT this motion be forwarded to Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), asking that UBCM strongly advocate that the BC Government restore library funding to a minimum of \$20 million annually to reflect inflationary and population increases and recommit to a progressive funding approach, reflecting the role of public libraries in achieving the goals of the Province and our communities.

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