

## MOTION

### 4. Restoring Provincial Library Funding

At the Regular Council meeting on June 25, 2019, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on June 26, 2019, to hear from speakers, with a start time of 3 pm.

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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