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Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Suite 1304, 1809 Barrington Street
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Attention: Mayor Pam Mood, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)
Email: mayor.mood@townofyarmouth.ca

Subject: NSFM Advocacy Priority for Libraries

Dear President Mood,

Further to discussions held at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) 2025 Spring Conference, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne is pleased to have made the following motion at its meeting held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025:

Whereas public libraries provide collections, programs and services, on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Province of Nova Scotia, that contribute to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Nova Scotia; and

Public libraries in Nova Scotia can no longer successfully sustain said collections, programs and services due to rising costs, and are unable to provide living wages for the majority of library staff; and

The current funding formula for public libraries in Nova Scotia does not account for Municipal contributions for capital costs, and the funding formulas has now expired; and

Funding for public libraries in Nova Scotia is currently under review by the provincial government;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne move that the issue of adequate and sustainable funding for public libraries in Nova Scotia be brought forth to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Board for consideration as an advocacy priority.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Together, we can forge stronger community partnerships and ensure robust support of these essential groups.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. MacLeod".

Warren MacLeod
Chief Administrative Officer

C: Western Counties Regional Library