



March 24, 2021

To Our Colleagues on the Mississippi Mills Public Library Board;

For the past 34 years The Carleton Place Public Library's services, collections, and programming have been structured around a formal understanding that we also serve the people of Mississippi Mills.

The potential sudden reversal of Mississippi Mills Library Board and Council regarding this arrangement represents a fundamental shift for our library operations, as well as a significant financial impact to our library.

As a result, our library will need to determine how to restructure our service model to meet the needs of its users in this new reality. Services, collections, and library programs will all be effected by this sudden change. Our other Cost Sharing partners will also feel the effects of this unanticipated shift.

As you are aware, the Ontario Public Libraries Act provides narrow parameters for ways in which public libraries can engage in cost recovery. To this end, at the March 17, 2021 Carleton Place Public Library Board meeting, the Board passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Carleton Place Public Library has provided high quality library services to the people of Mississippi Mills since 1987 under the terms of the Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement;

And **Whereas** the sudden termination of this agreement by the Mississippi Mills Public Library Board will have unplanned financial consequences for the Carleton Place Public Library;

And **Whereas** no other solution has been formally presented to the Carleton Place Public Library Board for the continuation of library services to the people of Mississippi Mills;

Be it resolved **That** should the Library Portion of the Recreational Cost Sharing Agreement be terminated, the Carleton Place Public Library shall expire the accounts of all Mississippi Mills account holders beginning the period the decision of Mississippi Mills Council takes effect.

And **Furthermore**, that the non-resident membership fee shall be set at \$90.00 annually per user at that time.

Sincerely,

Mike Jeays, Chair
Carleton Place Public Library Board

CC:

Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, CAO Ken Kelly, Acting Clerk Cynthia Moyle