

Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place

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March 31, 2021

Christa Lowry, Mayor
Municipality of Mississippi Mills
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Dear Mayor Lowry:

Re: Library Component of Howard Allan Cost Sharing Agreement

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills (and its former municipalities prior to amalgamation on January 1, 1998), has been partners with the Town of Carleton Place and the Township of Beckwith in a cost sharing agreement for library, pool and recreation services since 1987. I understand that at its April 6, 2021, Mississippi Mills Council will be considering a motion to remove library services from the Howard Allan Cost Sharing Agreement though no intention as to the effective date for this removal is included.

While there is no termination clause within the Howard Allan Agreement, as a 34-year partner with Carleton Place under the Howard Allan Agreement, on behalf of Council of the Town of Carleton Place, I am respectfully requesting that the Municipality of Mississippi Mills provide the Town of Carleton Place with at least a year's notice of termination for these services. As we are now at March 31, 2021, the Town of Carleton Place has passed its 2021 budget based on receiving Mississippi Mills' contribution towards our library services. The loss of approximately \$60,000 will have a significant impact on staffing and services offered at our library which cannot be addressed without some time and planning.

Carleton Place has provided library services to the residents of Mississippi Mills in good faith and as a good neighbour for many years. I hope your Council will give respectful consideration to my request for a year's notice of termination to the agreement for these services and look forward to your written response.

I would be pleased to discuss this matter with you.

Yours truly,

Doug Black,
Mayor

cc Cathy Peacock, Mississippi Mills Public Library Board Chair
Mike Jeays, Carleton Place Public Library Board Chair