



MOTION 2020-12-10 AS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY DECEMBER 29, 2020

Whereas Section 6.1 in Library Services Agreement states that the Arnprior Library Board determines level of service provided to the public as per the Public Libraries Act,

Whereas the agreement between the Library Board and McNab/Braeside states that the township's contribution is based on a weighted usage model and is not limited by service levels,

Whereas the Provincially mandated Covid-19 pandemic response required shut down of only in-person service from March 13, 2020 to May 25, 2020,

Whereas the library continued to offer service to all residents during the physical closure - including digital resources, technology assistance, establishment of 201 new eAccess memberships and administrative planning to provide many new services including a full summer program for area youth,

Whereas 43% of e-streaming services and 36% of e-book and e-audiobook services accessed between March 13-May 25; 32% of curbside pickup from May 25 to July 31 as well as 38% of the children's summer reading program is attributed to M/B patrons,

Whereas McNab/Braeside proposed a unilateral \$30,000 reduction for 2020 six weeks prior to year-end,

Whereas no other library in Southern Ontario has had its Municipal or Service Agreement funding reduced because of mandated Covid-19 closures,

Whereas McNab/Braeside proposed an alternative funding arrangement of providing the \$30,000 in 2020 with the condition of an annual decrease of \$6,000 in the township's contribution for each of the next five years,

Whereas the Board sees this condition as detrimental to the future planning and operation of the library as well as jeopardizing the legislated autonomy of the Board in determining levels of library service.

Whereas Section 10.1 of agreement outlines a dispute resolution mechanism,

Therefore be it resolved the Library Board requests a process of negotiation with McNab/Braeside in an effort to resolve these differences without having to resort to arbitration,

Therefore be it further resolved that if negotiations are not successful within 60 days, the library will exercise its right to pursue mediation/arbitration.