

UBCM Draft Resolution Template

As you know the BC Public Library Partners continue to advocate to the Province for increased and sustainable funding for public libraries.

Based on requests we've received from you in 2021, this year's advocacy effort includes a draft UBCM resolution template supporting the request for increased funding.

We know some municipalities are already beginning to develop resolutions to be submitted to UBCM by the June 30th deadline, so we are providing a draft template, which was endorsed by the ABCPLD Board (below) to assist those who are interested in participating in this [process](#).

I hope this is helpful to you and your Board in lending your voice of support,

Elizabeth and the ABCPLD Board

DRAFT TEMPLATE:

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years:

And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff;

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

Therefore be it resolved that _____ urge the Government of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC;

And be it further resolved that the Province ensure that BC Libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to Provincial Government funding in subsequent years.