

Council - May 4, 2026

Agenda Item # 12.2

Proposed Motion: Councillor Bulloch – Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources

Moved by: Councillor Bulloch

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

AND WHEREAS inter-library loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

AND WHEREAS reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

AND WHEREAS recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes support the Township of Terrace Bay's call upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

AND FURTHER that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and inter-library loan services;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Michael Barrett, MP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands-Rideau Lakes, Steve Clark, MPP Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands-Rideau Lakes and all Ontario municipalities for support.



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April 9, 2026

Honorable Joel Lightbound
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Dear Mr. Lightbound.

At the Township of Terrace Bay's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday April 7, 2026, the following resolution of support was passed:

RE: Resolution Regarding Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources

Resolution: 88-2026

Moved By: Councillor Dube

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

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AND WHEREAS inter-library loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

AND WHEREAS reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

AND WHEREAS recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

AND THAT Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and inter-library loan services;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Patty Hajdu, MP Thunder Bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay-Superior North and all Ontario municipalities for support.



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Sincerely,

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