



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: October 28, 2019
SUBJECT: Canadian Urban Libraries Council Statement
CONSIDERATION DATE: October 28, 2019
REQUESTED BY: Councillor Tesser Derksen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Ali

WHEREAS the Town of Milton recognizes the important role that libraries play in our community;

AND WHEREAS vulnerable demographic groups, including seniors, low income families, youth, and new Canadians rely on access to libraries as an important tool for their participation in the community;

AND WHEREAS library users increasingly seek to access digital publications offered by multinational publishers, and that access to those publications is too often curtailed by prohibitively high licensing fees or else entirely denied to Canadian libraries;

AND WHEREAS libraries must be in a position to offer digital publications to their users as part of their service offering, particularly given the contemporary rapid pace of digitization of educational and cultural materials; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Milton:

1. Supports the Canadian Urban Libraries Council in its efforts to increase access to digital publications for library users in the Town of Milton and across Canada;
2. Calls on the Federal government to investigate the barriers faced by libraries in acquiring digital publications and the problems that poses for vulnerable demographic groups in Canada; and
3. Further asks the Federal government to develop a solution that increases access to digital publications across Canada and assists libraries in meeting the cost requirements to acquire digital publications.