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## **SENT BY EMAIL**

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Ontario Trillium Foundation  
800 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON  
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Attention: Board of Directors

Dear Ontario Trillium Foundation Board of Directors:

Libraries and municipalities have the closest relationships with their residents and are becoming essential to the needs of our seniors, families, students and individuals. Both have faced increasing pressure to reduce costs, find efficiencies, and adapt to downloading of fees into their already stretched budgets and look to alternate funding streams for assistance. Aging infrastructure, adapting to the varying needs of citizens, and moving to digital and creative means to reach individuals are some of the pressing issues facing rural and remote municipalities.

We would like the Ontario Trillium Foundation board of directors to examine how the clauses in the application process create an adversarial situation between a municipality and a library. With only one application per year, per stream, and municipalities and their libraries considered one entity, the clause inadvertently reduces decision making, opportunity, and autonomy within a library board.

We are asking the Ontario Trillium Foundation board to re-examine and review the following clause with respect to its potential negative impacts on local libraries and their relationship with their municipalities:

*“Municipal libraries in a small municipality (defined as having a population of 20,000 or less) are eligible to apply for OTF grants under the Inspired or Active People Action Areas only. The municipality must apply on behalf of the library.”*

We hope there can be an amendment to either the grant cycle to allow for multiple applications per year or acknowledge libraries and municipalities as two separate entities. This way, there would be multiple avenues for both organizations to apply for, and potentially receive, much needed financial support.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Pauline Rochefort*

Mayor Pauline Rochefort  
Municipality of East Ferris

cc: Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries  
MPP Vic Fedeli  
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