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The Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Campbell:

Public Library - Provincial Grants

It has been brought to my attention from UBCM that there is strong consideration being given to cancel the provincial grants for public libraries.

Quite frankly I find this very disconcerting. I do understand the current economic state, but libraries are a fundamental cornerstone for all the communities in our province. Reducing or eliminating this funding is extremely shortsighted and one that the residents of Parksville will not soon forget. This will be yet another form of downloading that residents will expect their local governments to offset.

I would urge you to look elsewhere for cost saving measures. I would not be so presumptuous as to make any recommendations but surely a government that has done so well in the past managing our money can find savings that do not effect the primary responsibilities of our province, health care, education, transportation and public safety. These areas are under enough financial constraints without the provincial government reducing funding.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and would love to sit down with you at some time to discuss these matters in detail.

Sincerely,

ED MAYNE
Mayor

cc: Andy Ackerman, President - BC Library Trustees Association
Vancouver Island Regional Library
Parksville City Councillors