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### COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

## **Committee Report**

**To:** Chair and Members of the Library Board

From: Rebecca Hine, Chief Librarian

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

**Subject:** Wellington County Library Non-Resident Fee

#### **Background:**

At the November 2023 Library Board meeting it was determined that the current fee being charged to a non-resident for a library membership was not adequate. The non-resident fee has not had an economic adjustment in many years and has fallen far behind what the current rate for a non-resident member of our library system should be set at.

In order to bring the non-resident fee of \$120.00 up to the equivalent of what a County of Wellington resident is paying for library services through the tax levy, the following is proposed:

2024 - \$180.00 per year 2025 - \$240.00 per year

It should be noted that a letter to this effect has been sent to the Municipality of Southgate, as the largest population of non-resident members of our library system, and the proposed fees have been accepted.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Library non-resident membership fee be approved effective April 1, 2024; and

That the Library User Fee by-law be updated.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hine Chief Librarian