



Ontario
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

Wellington-Halton Hills Provincial Riding Office
Fergus, Ontario

February 1st, 2024

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
Frost Building South, 7th Floor
Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister:

Yesterday I met with Beverley King, the Chief Librarian and CEO of Halton Hills Public Library and Rebecca Hind, the Chief Librarian of the County of Wellington, to discuss the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries' 2024 Pre-Budget submission.

I am writing to express my strong support for our public libraries in Wellington-Halton Hills, and the vital services they provide in our local communities. I agree that public libraries are amongst Ontario's most far-reaching and cost-effective public resources.

The idea of creating an Ontario Digital Public Library (ODPL), allowing equal and equitable access to a common set of on-line databases and e-learning resources to all Ontario residents regardless of where they live, has considerable merit. A relatively modest provincial investment in this project would go a long way to leverage the purchasing power of the province and empower all Ontarians with the on-line resources they need.

Please find attached the details of the ODPL proposal, for your consideration as you prepare the 2024 provincial budget.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Arnott".

Ted Arnott, MPP
Wellington-Halton Hills

TA:jb

Encl.

c.c. Beverley King, Chief Librarian and CEO, Halton Hills Public Library
Rebecca Hind, Chief Librarian, County of Wellington
Chris Mills, CAO, Town of Halton Hills
Scott Wilson, CAO, County of Wellington

Please Reply to:

TED ARNOTT, MPP
181 St. Andrew Street East
2nd Floor
Fergus, Ontario
N1M1P9

Tel. (519) 787-5247
Toll Free: 1-800-265-2366
E-Mail: ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org