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Danny Muise
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Dear Danny Muise:

Thank you for your letter dated March 4, 2024, expressing concern about library funding and the impact it is having on Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL).

The government is aware of the important role Nova Scotia's public libraries play in supporting strong and healthy communities. We have worked to alleviate the libraries' immediate pressures by providing \$500,000 in bridge funding in 2023-2024 and have recently approved an additional \$800,000 in bridge funding for 2024-2025.

The Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage (CCTH) has established a Library Funding Review Committee which includes Library CEOs, Board members and staff from municipalities. We are planning to hold our first meeting within the next few weeks.

As the work begins, we will develop a communications plan to ensure that library and municipal partners are kept informed on the work of the committee and the recommendations that will be put forward to the Province.

Thank you for your ongoing support for public library service in your region and across the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allan MacMaster".

Allan MacMaster
Minister
Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

cc Justin Huston, Deputy Minister
Christopher Shore, Associate Deputy Minister
Stephanie Smith, Executive Director, Archives, Museums and Libraries