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**OFFICE OF: The Chair**

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Dear Mayor Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Bordignon, and Members of Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Blue Mountains Public Library Board to request full access to the Library's General Reserve in support of the L.E. Shore Memorial Library & Gallery Space Utilization Study. While this reserve is held by Council, it is designated for the Library's use, specifically for feasibility studies and space planning, including engineering, consulting, and legal fees related to potential expansion. The fund currently holds \$72,389.89.

At its July 17, 2025, meeting, the Board passed the following resolution:

**BMPL-Resolution 2025-046**

*Moved by Shawn McKinlay and seconded by Kristina Wichman*

*THAT this Board formally request the use of the BMPL General Reserve (Non-Growth Related) funds up to the total \$72,389.89 for the use of the L.E. Shore Memorial Library & Gallery Space Utilization Study. Carried.*

The Library CEO has been working closely with the CAO and Town staff to align this project with the Town's competitive and transparent purchasing process. By drawing on this reserve for its intended purpose, we can ensure that when we return to Council, we will do so with the necessary analysis and professional expertise to address current space challenges and present cost-effective, practical recommendations. This work will guide both the optimal use of the existing L.E. Shore facility and Gallery, as well as identify potential short- to medium-term solutions for improved service delivery in Craigeith.

Warmly,



Julia Scott, Chair  
The Blue Mountains Public Library Board