



**Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage
Office of the Minister**

1741 Brunswick Street, PO Box 456, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 2R5
Telephone 902-424-4889 • Fax 902-424-4872 • novascotia.ca

July 29, 2026

Erin Comeau
Chair, Council of Regional Librarians
director@westerncounties.ca

Dear Erin Comeau:

Thank you for your letter of June 3, 2026, requesting an increase to the Regional Library Operating Grant for Nova Scotia's public libraries.

As you know, this is a difficult time for all sectors. The Province of Nova Scotia has had to make difficult decisions to manage spending while focusing on key priorities such as healthcare, housing, and economic growth.

While we value the work carried out by the public libraries and recognize the efforts the library regions have made to manage ongoing pressures, it is important that we have fulsome information as we review this request. I have asked my staff to arrange a meeting with you to engage in a productive conversation about the regional libraries' current situation as well as the current reality of the province's finances and to further discuss the details of CORL's request.

Thank you again for your letter. We look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Ritcey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dave Ritcey
Minister
Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

cc Christopher Shore, Deputy Minister
Sara Halliday, Associate Deputy Minister