



Library Funding Review

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Context

- The current model for funding libraries is not meeting the requirements and evolving needs of Nova Scotia libraries and users
- With the exception of Halifax, most regions are seeing population declines and it's challenging to offer equitable services
- Communities embrace libraries as cornerstones so services go beyond book lending to being hubs
- Since 2014-15 interim funding increases were made while CCH worked towards a new funding formula

Seeking Solutions

- CCH engaged its stakeholders to develop a new funding model that moves away from sole per capita calculations to a blended formula
- The proposed model provides stability and predictability in funding and allows libraries to undertake strategic planning
- Will also help address funding challenges: rural population decline, rising operations costs, changing roles of libraries in communities

Core Services

- Supporting and promoting reading and literacy
- Providing access to technology and supporting digital literacy
- Preserving and promoting culture and creativity
- Providing safe physical spaces that encourage community involvement

Shared Funding

- Province invests \$14.4 million annually to support Nova Scotia's nine regional public library boards, allocated on a per capita basis, using population numbers from 2009

Regions outside of Halifax	Halifax public libraries
71% provincial	26% provincial
26% municipal	71% municipal
3% board	3% board

Proposed Model

Component	Staffing	Operating	Collections	Technology	French Language Grant*	Equity Grant*
Per Capita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halifax: 1 staff per 1,269 of the region's population multiplied by average board salary range Non-metro: 1 staff per 2,200 of the region's population multiplied by average board salary range 	\$1.50 per capita	\$3.50 per capita	\$400 per staff (number of staff calculated under staffing – includes fixed and per capita component)	10% of total staffing (staffing uses both per capita and a fixed component)	5% of total staffing (staffing uses both per capita and a fixed component)
Fixed	\$380,000 per board (6 staff)	\$15,000 per board	\$7,800 per board	Refresh Public Access Computers (PAC) every three years: \$1,000 per current number of PAC computers divided by 3		

Proposed Provincial Change

- \$2 million investment (bringing total provincial investment to \$16.4M annually)
- Additionally:
 - Creation of new application based program dedicated to library boards
 - \$500 thousand annual investment beginning in 2020-21
 - To foster innovation, creativity and partnership for programming tailored to community needs
 - To support and build capacity for libraries to implement local and innovative initiatives
- Culture Innovation Fund
 - Access to this fund remains intact

Implications

- Changes need to be made through regulations and municipalities require one-year notice
- Potential impact of new formula on municipalities is \$1.65 million – discussion and input with municipalities in upcoming weeks
- Will be evaluated after 5 years

Funding Comparison: Province

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	TOTAL CHANGE (\$)
Annapolis Valley	1,739,200	1,919,600	180,400
Cape Breton	1,930,400	2,053,100	122,700
Colchester-East Hants	1,279,600	1,490,100	210,500
Cumberland	550,000	775,400	225,400
Eastern Counties	727,000	911,400	184,400
Halifax	4,916,000	5,274,300	358,300
Pictou-Antigonish	1,124,900	1,383,800	258,900
South Shore	1,002,900	1,262,400	259,500
Western Counties	1,120,300	1,320,500	200,200
TOTAL	14,390,300	16,390,600	2,000,300

Funding Comparison: Municipal

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	TOTAL CHANGE (\$)
Annapolis Valley	636,900	702,900	66,000
Cape Breton	706,900	751,800	44,900
Colchester-East Hants	468,600	545,700	77,100
Cumberland	201,400	283,900	82,500
Eastern Counties	231,900	333,800	101,900
Halifax	13,424,500	14,402,700	978,200
Pictou-Antigonish	412,000	506,700	94,700
South Shore	367,300	462,300	95,000
Western Counties	373,500	483,600	110,100
TOTAL	16,823,000	18,473,400	1,650,400

Funding Comparison: Board

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	TOTAL CHANGE (\$)
Annapolis Valley	73,500	81,100	7,600
Cape Breton	81,600	86,800	5,200
Colchester-East Hants	54,100	63,000	8,900
Cumberland	23,200	32,800	9,600
Eastern Counties	26,800	38,500	11,700
Halifax	576,600	608,600	32,000
Pictou-Antigonish	47,500	58,500	11,000
South Shore	42,400	53,300	10,900
Western Counties	43,100	55,800	12,700
TOTAL	968,800	1,078,400	109,600

Next Steps

- Meeting with Regions
- February 22 – Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)
- Please provide written input to
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Thank you!

