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Hi,

The purpose of this email is to give you, our municipal funding partners, a courtesy head's up about an upcoming Provincial Library Funding Formula Review.

Funding for NS public libraries is governed by the [Libraries Act](#) and the [Libraries Act Funding Regulations](#).

FY 2023-24 represents Year 4 of a 5-year flat-rate funding formula. The cost share ratio for the current formula is:

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Funding Review Committee

The Province is preparing to form a Funding Review Committee. To the best of my knowledge, the plan is for the Province to send out official communications to stakeholders this fall, with the intention for the Committee to begin their work shortly thereafter. Concerns raised regarding municipal representation on the last Funding Review Committee are being duly considered.

Needs Analysis for Provincial Library Funding Formula Development

In winter 2023, the NS Council of Regional Librarians (CORL) conducted a needs analysis for provincial funding formula development. The final report, attached here for your reference, has received unanimous endorsement from the province's nine regional library boards.

CORL Data and Information Collection

CORL is now working on collecting data and information to inform the Funding Review Committee's work. This includes a wage study which will be completed by an external consultant.

Fall Municipal Council Presentations

I would like to present to each of your councils in September or early October of this year, if I may. I haven't been back to present to most councils since the start of the pandemic, and we have some great numbers and stories to share as it relates to service enhancements. At the same time, I could speak high-level to the Needs Analysis for Provincial Library Funding Formula Development. Could you please let me know who I should contact on your staff to get on the council agenda?

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the information provided here.

Thank you,

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