

MOTION TO SUPPORT OUR LAW LIBRARIES

WHEREAS law libraries are an essential resource for the legal profession that practice law in small and medium communities:

AND WHEREAS law libraries are an indispensable component of access to justice particularly in small and medium communities:

AND WHEREAS law libraries solely rely on funding from membership dues in those communities, funding from LIRN, and the Law Foundation of Ontario (LFO):

AND WHEREAS the Law Foundation of Ontario was created, in part, to fund the establishment, maintenance and operation of law libraries;

AND WHEREAS the 2020 Law Foundation Annual Report indicates that, contrary to one of its statutory objects, the LFO did not distribute any funds to the libraries in that year, nor, according to available annual reports, has the LFO distributed any funds to libraries since at least 2011;

AND WHEREAS the LFO's failure to provide funds for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of libraries since at least 2011, raises clear concerns that the LFO has not been complying with its statutory obligations;

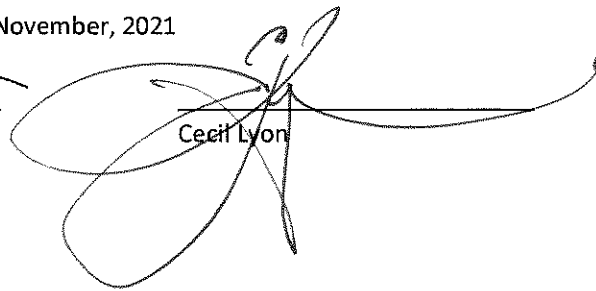
AND WHEREAS the Law Society of Ontario appoints three Trustees to the LFO board of trustees:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Convocation directs and encourages its appointees to the LFO Board of Directors to ensure that the LFO forthwith recommences funding the establishment, maintenance, and operation of law libraries in Ontario.

Dated the 5 day of November, 2021



Samuel Goldstein



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