



**CITY OF LANGLEY**  
**COUNCIL MEMBER MOTION**

**CENTRE FOR EQUITABLE LIBRARY ACCESS (CELA) AND THE NATIONAL NETWORK FOR EQUITABLE LIBRARY SERVICES (NNELS) FUNDING**  
– Councillor Martin

**BACKGROUND:**

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**WHEREAS** the Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL), and almost all libraries in Canada, currently provide specialized services for the visually impaired and print disabled through the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) and the National Network for Equitable Library Services (NNELS);

**AND WHEREAS** both agencies are engaged in accessible book production and collectively receive \$4 million in annual federal funding to support this needed service;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government has announced that they are restoring the 2021 funding cut to these services previously announced in the 2020 Fall Economic Statement but have not committed to providing sustainable funding for these services past 2021;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Langley City send letters to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, and our local Members of Parliament, requesting sustainable funding for CELA and NNELS to support the continued production of accessible reading materials.