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The Municipality of Port Hope
56 Queen Street
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Re: Saving the Historic Hospital Buildings at 65 Ward Street

We are writing to the Municipality of Port Hope today in support of saving the Historic Hospital Buildings at 65 Ward Street. We understand that in 1911 the townspeople of Port Hope rallied town council, held letter writing campaigns and outreach to solicit funding including a major fundraiser at the Royal Opera House on Walton Street.

The successful campaign allowed the buildings of the Hospital at 65 Ward St. to treat more than 200 WW1 soldiers and serve as a significant recuperative centre for soldiers and veterans during and after the war. We understand the original hospital became a nursing school which provided the skills crucial to the war effort and to practice in the medical field.

We support the ACO working with Southbridge Care Homes to keep the heritage of the Ward 65 Hospital buildings intact. With craftsmanship and architectural merit these historic buildings can be a focal point of the community and a wonderful facility meeting all the MOHLTC standards.

As those that fought so we may keep our freedom today, we suggest to the good council of Port Hope in the very words of the original Men's Hospital Committee "Success that is not fought for is hardly worth having". Make Southbridge Care Homes Long Term Care Facility a success in your municipality! By retaining the image you will be honouring the history just as we know you honour the men and women who served and sacrificed so much for our Country.

Regards,

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