

January 2, 2015

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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I wish to express my strongest concern to save Century Manor, a provincially-designated heritage building, on the grounds of the former Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital.

One year ago, I had the opportunity to meet you when you came to Hamilton for the Grand Opening of St. Joseph's Healthcare on the West 5<sup>th</sup> Campus. I shall never forget how graciously you extended your welcome to me and how you took the time to listen to my concern regarding Century Manor.

You referred me to your Special Assistant, Belinda Hanson, who efficiently provided me with a contact name and number within InfraStructure Ontario (IO).

In spite of numerous e-mails to IO nothing has come of my efforts to gain entry to the building to determine the state of neglect which is so evident from the outside. Interest by local heritage entrepreneurs has also been rejected so we all fear that 'Demolishment by Neglect' will soon be the *raison d'être*.

Our expectation is that, as an elected leader, you will strive to protect the last remaining provincially constructed asylum as part of a continuum of the Mental Health history and culture of Ontario. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to you again to use the authority of your position to instruct the Honorable Minister Brad Duguid and his staff to develop a sustainable economic plan for the last remaining acreage, including Century Manor, of the former Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital a priority. I do this in the full knowledge that there is much interest in the future of Century Manor and concern that time will only lead to further deterioration of the building.

I hope that, upon discernment, you share my concern about preserving our vested interest in the heritage and history of Mental Health Care in the province and that you will take the appropriate action to save Century Manor.

Yours very truly,

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