

To Mayor Cam Guthrie and City Council Members

RE the meeting on November 13,2024 on the Ontario Reformatory HCD Plan

“The OR HCD Plan is meant to ensure that the cultural heritage value or interest of the Ontario Reformatory is protected, managed, maintained and enhanced over time. ” (city site)

Guelph is situated on treaty lands. People have lived and farmed and hunted here for thousands of years. In 1827 the land was designated as the city of Guelph. In the early 1900's the lands of the Ontario Reformatory were established as reform opportunity for young offenders, then a military hospital, then a Reformatory for young, and then adult offenders.

This last hundred years of time, the activities on this land were part of the city of Guelph. Goods and services flowed onto the site and into use for the betterment of all, the giver and the receivers. For most of these years the facility provided some goods and services for the city and area. Over a hundred years a highly significant portion of the people of Guelph and area worked in the facility.

One could say that the OR and its land are a significant, influential and practical part of the history of Guelph.

Now we are about to lose this!

Please stop hedging on conservation plans and act now.

Designate and do! Soon. Speedily.

It has been twenty years since closure of the buildings. The place is greatly deteriorating.

Protect the buildings as a heritage site !

Protect the lands with the creation of an Urban Park for use by all.

If you continue to delay that spark, that piece of Guelph history will be gone and forgotten.

Respectfully: Connie Shaw, Former staff of Guelph Correctional Centre

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