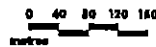


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To Whom It May Concern:

The Peel District School Board has submitted an application to the City of Mississauga seeking approval to relocate (to a distance of approximately 159 meters) three historical buildings on the Britannia Farm site. Only one of the buildings is original to the property which is the Britannia Farmhouse.

City staff have requested a letter from the Board stating our intentions regarding the use of the proceeds from the Osmington Development agreement. It is important to restate that this 200 acre parcel of land was deeded to the school board in 1833 by King William IV, and that as stated in the original deed, **rents or profits from the site are to be used for the maintenance of the school and the advancement of education in Peel Region.** A similar reference is found in the Provincial OIC concerning the Britannia Farm lands.

Trustees have complied with the terms and conditions of the original deed but our ability to capitalize on the full educational benefits that can be derived from this large parcel of land is limited because of our financial position. As a school board, we do not receive grants to support outdoor education or to support the maintenance of heritage buildings on outdoor education sites and, since 1998, we cannot directly access the local tax base for this purpose. As a result, over the last several years Trustees have explored many options to generate revenues in order to support and expand the program opportunities that could be delivered on the farm.

The Osmington Development agreement presents the most viable option to date. The Board is committed to direct the proceeds of the Osmington agreement to the care, maintenance and repair of the heritage buildings and programs, as well as to create an expanded outdoor education experience for the students of Peel.

We look forward to the review of the Heritage Advisory Committee and appreciate your support for this very worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Janet McDougald  
 Chair, Peel District School Board

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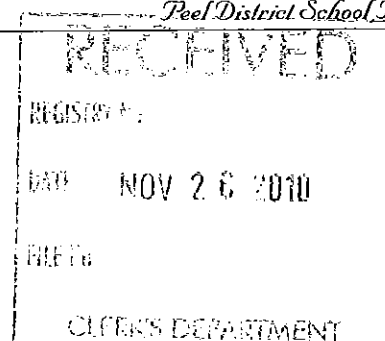
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*Friends of the Schoolhouse  
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November 23, 2010

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**RE: Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting December 14, 2010  
Letter of Support for Relocation of 3 Farm Buildings  
(known as Britannia Farmhouse, Gardner-Dunton House,  
Conover Barn) – Britannia Farm**

Dear Julie Lavertu:

On behalf of "Friends of the Schoolhouse", we wish to confirm our strong support for the Peel District School Board's proposed relocation of the three Britannia Farm Buildings. It is planned these three buildings known as the Britannia Farmhouse, Gardner-Dunton House and Conover Barn be moved to a site just north of their present location closer to The Old Britannia Schoolhouse.

Friends of the Schoolhouse is a non-profit organization of concerned citizens dedicated to assisting the Peel District School Board in the support of The Old Britannia Schoolhouse and its student programs. We believe the viability and the heritage value of the three farm buildings depends in large part on their close proximity to the schoolhouse and on the Boards delivery of student programs focused on the significance of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century education and history.

In our opinion, leaving any one of the three buildings where it is presently located reduces its heritage value in relation to the cluster of buildings and potentially eliminates its use by the students who would be actively engaged in schoolhouse programs. We believe the key to maintaining and re-using the three heritage buildings depends on their re-location and preservation, thus enabling improved student use of these buildings, the schoolhouse and the farm.

We believe this may be the last chance for these buildings to be repaired and put to good use as a student educational resource. Please give favourable consideration to the Board's wish to re-locate the Britannia Farm Buildings for use by the students of Peel.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Shirley Hoad, Chair  
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