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To: Acting CAO Mr. Ben Addley and members of Oxford County Council

From: Tillsonburg resident Dan Mahony

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to express my deepest concern for the rather complex state of Long Term Care in Oxford County, in general, and in Tillsonburg in particular.

Although I have been a Tillsonburg resident for 60 years, my focus career wise and participation wise has been county wide. It includes a 33 year career with the Oxford County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, now the London District Catholic School Board. During my career I was principal of schools in Tillsonburg and Ingersoll and a teacher at one point at St Mary's High School in Woodstock.

Following retirement in 1998 I appeared before Oxford County Council to promote the completion of the very popular Trans Canada Recreational Trail. I also joined the Oxford Trails Association and attended its meetings. I'm happy to say, County Council with the guidance of Mr Frank Gross played a huge role in overcoming obstacles in making "Our" trail become a reality. Later, in a field more closely connected to my education and training, I taught as a volunteer in the Oxford county Adult Basic Literacy Program.

Since I was the youngest in the family I grew up in, in my home town of Guelph, I have been closely involved in the decision making for the placement and care of my older siblings in the city of Guelph and Wellington County.

I am convinced that the longer we can carry on our own lives in our own homes, the happier and healthier we seniors will be. My only surviving sibling, sister Marg in Goderich, now 88 years of age lives in her own apartment in that community. Up until 2 years ago, she was caregiver for her husband Ralph with some

support. He turned 100 YEARS of age just last month. With the decline of Marg's own health, she was able to turn over his daily care to his two daughters who live in the same community.

This brings into question the Tillsonburg and Oxford County situation where currently Tillsonburg Town Council is in the midst of a complicated decision on the selling of the Maple Lane School property and overseeing it's conversion into a Long Term Care Facility.

The worst possible solution is to turn over its management and operation to a FOR PROFIT LTC called peopleCare. That is being explored currently but in my opinion part of this exploration should include tapping into the wisdom and experience of the County of Oxford and that is where you, ladies and gentlemen, enter the picture.

I admit to not having all the facts but I implore you to bring into the picture Mr Mark Dager, current director of the Woodingford Municipal LTC's in the County. I'm an avid reader and viewer of newspaper and TV reports from the national level on down to the local level. I'm sure it's not news to you that during the 2 years of Covid, FOR PROFIT LTC'S province wide had by far the greatest number of resident deaths from Covid per 100 patients, in their care 9 (per 100) while NON PROFITS showed 5.3 (per 100), and MUNICIPAL LTC'S showed 3.6 (per 100).

Figures don't tell the whole story but Mr Dager has a wealth of experience in creating humane and comfortable conditions for Oxford residents in Woodstock and Ingersoll. Please support me in my request to make his well informed planning skills available to those of us in Tillsonburg in our time of need.

Sincerely,

Dan Mahony