

September 01, 2021

Attention: Mayor & Council

City of Kawartha Lakes

Re: Olde Gaol Walls Demolition

I trust you are well today, recently when the Mayor & Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes voted in favour of the demolition of the historical Olde Gaol Museum Walls for an estimated \$ 200,000 to taxpayers. Many citizens were concerned that a important historical part of the facility was being removed without enough consideration by the community. We would please request that we are able to introduce new ideas and opportunities to save the walls and a plan to repair and open new opportunities for income plus save tax dollars..

In our attempt to bring our concerns forward quickly prior to next council meeting, Change.org Petition was initiated as the quickest and safest process during the COVID-19 Pandemic and be able to reach residents, seasonal residents and former persons who grew up in the community. In addition, tourists who visit our area are an important contributors to our economic and enjoyment of our historical and for generations to come. Today 266 petitions have been signed an adding wonderful ideas for council.

Please find the attached Petition Documents from CHANGE.org

We hope that you allow the appropriate time so that we may to provide input to council from the community.

Best Regards

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# " Stay of Execution " for the Olde Gaol Historic Walls ..So We Can Save History !



 **Michael Bryant** started this petition to Mayor Andy Letham and 9 others

Most recently, the Mayor and Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes voted to demolish the surrounding walls of the Olde Gaol that is a designated historic property in our community. Council has indicated it has approved \$ 200,000 to do this destruction and that is only the beginning of larger capital costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for a new parking lot and modern building for a private club.

Neglect of maintenance is not a reason to tear down this historic wall to rubble. This area could be rehabilitated with new technology that is used all over the world as well. Relying on a 5 year old report is not acceptable or is a tenants demand for private use of public property.

We urge you to support this petition and help us convince Council to save the historic Olde Gaol Walls/

227 have signed. Let's get to 500!



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### Incredible ideas Save the Olde Gaol Walls in Kawartha Lakes

Thank you, for the outpouring of support and we have had 160 concerned citizens register on the Change.org site. Some wonderful ideas to re-purpose the walls and land rather than turn it to rubble. The ideas ...



Michael Bryant  
2 days ago

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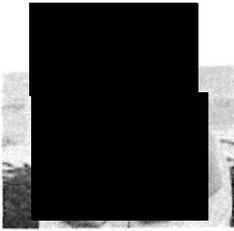
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It is historical and worthy of preserving for future generations.

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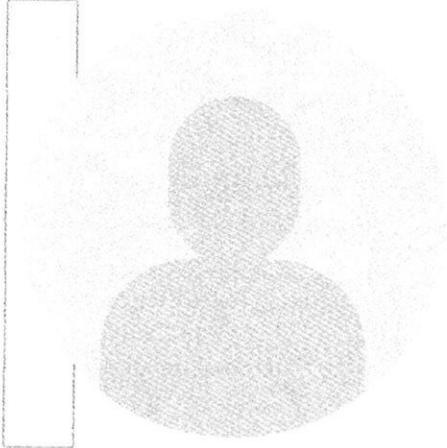
Its sad that the walls are coming down, but hey, Great museum. good displays

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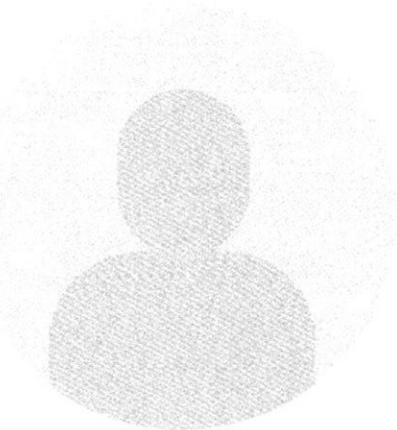


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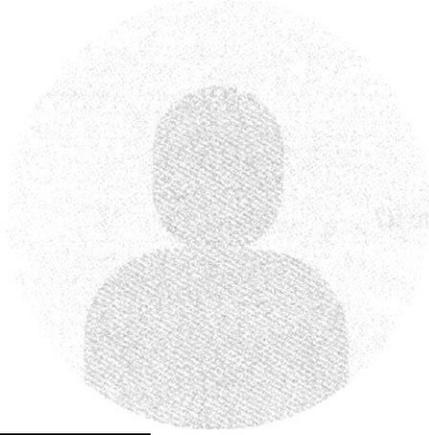


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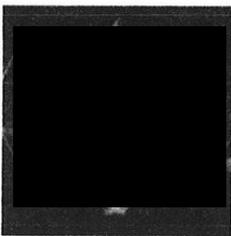


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The city is wrong doing this specially for more parking

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This is a historical building and the walls around the old jail should not be torn down!

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I believe in saving our heritage.

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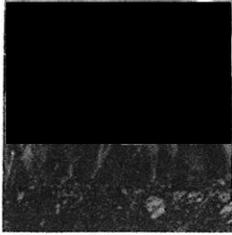


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If this goes, soon there won't be anything historic left in this town. Our historic sites are important.

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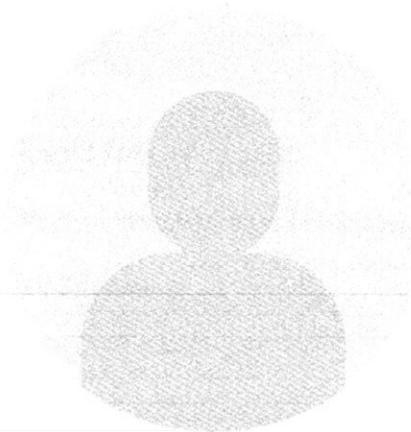


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I thought the old jail is a historical museum now they want to tear it down seams like a big waste of money to me

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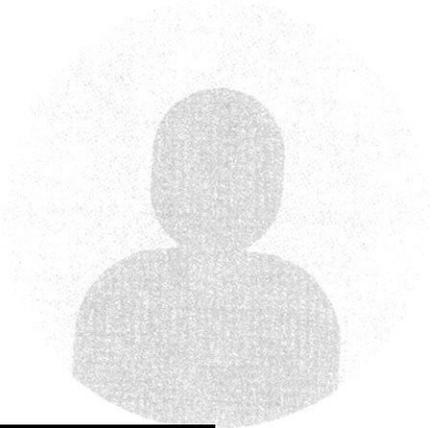


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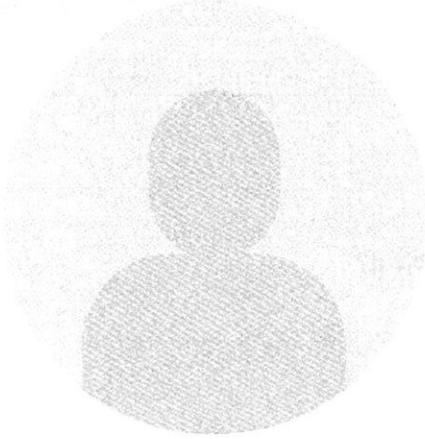


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My grandfather worked as a bailiff in this jail. I also have a long family history with law enforcement working in Lindsay. It would be a tragic mistake to remove such history.

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**Michael Bryant**

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When i travel, it is so wonderful to experience the history of the area. In a similar setting I have seen a giant chess board, games tables, and a community garden. Informative plaques relative to this history of the jail could hung on these walls.

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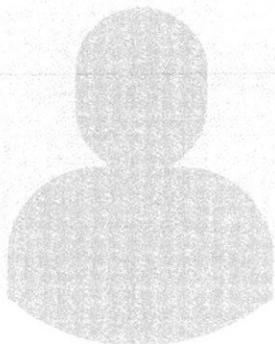


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Please just fix it and keep our history.

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That WALL is part of the Gaol history,,,,The Council is crazy to tear it down! For a parking lot?? That what being part of an OLD town is,,,,but there are ways of getting around it....Like put a marked pathway from the Armouries to the museum or the parking lot Cambridge St Baptist Church....

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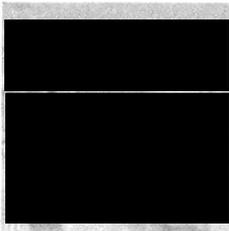


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Sounds like a waste of money

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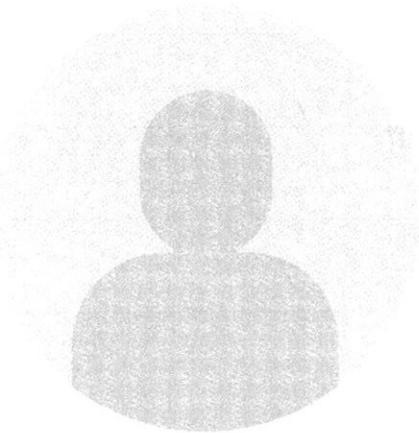


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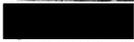
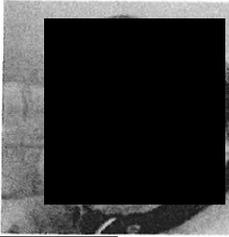


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It is a great place to visit and has a great museum. They should promote it, not destroy a part of history.

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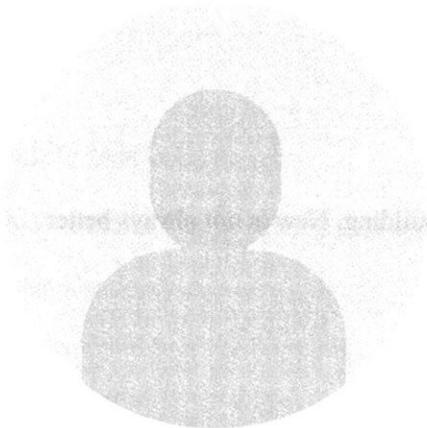


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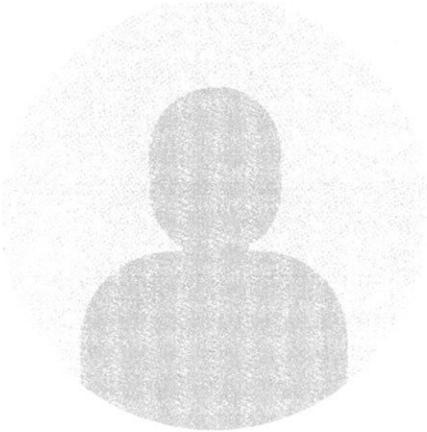


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Save this piece of history and save the money to destroy it for something useful.

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I was born and raised in Lindsay. I don't want to see part of our history torn down.

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I believe we need to save our history not destroy it.

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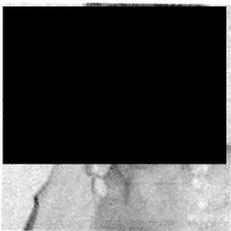


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We must protect historic places and buildings

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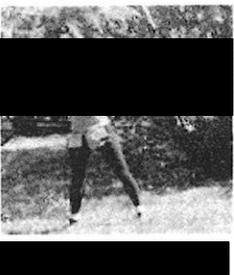


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This could be housing. We don't need a parking lot in Lindsay.

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It is a piece of history that should be preserved.

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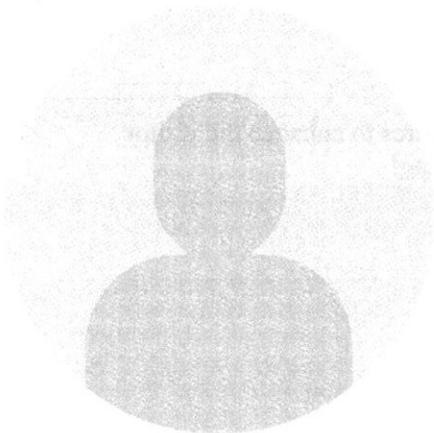


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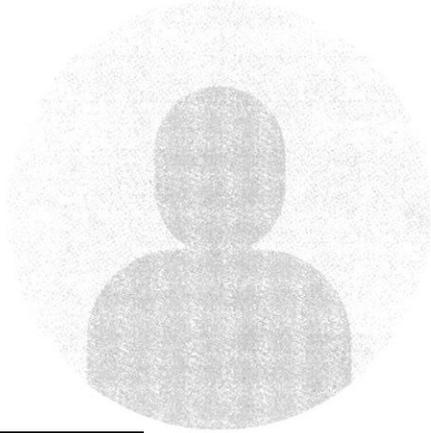


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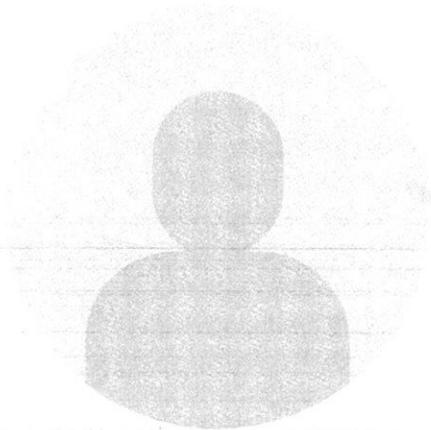


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Preserve History ... We Can't Get It Back

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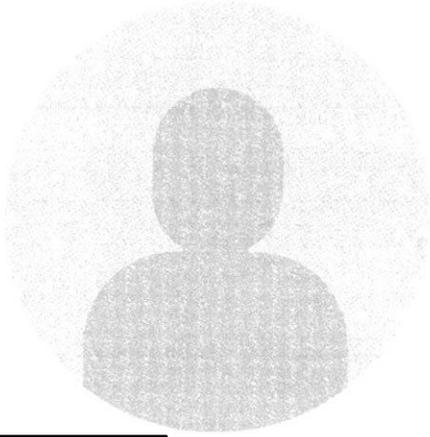


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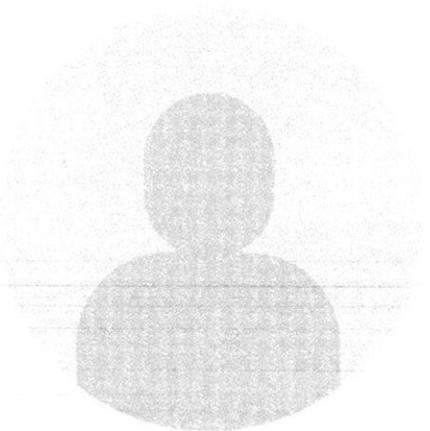


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Imagine if Rome and Greece did not maintain and keep old buildings and architecture for us all, we need re-think, re-purpose for generations to come.

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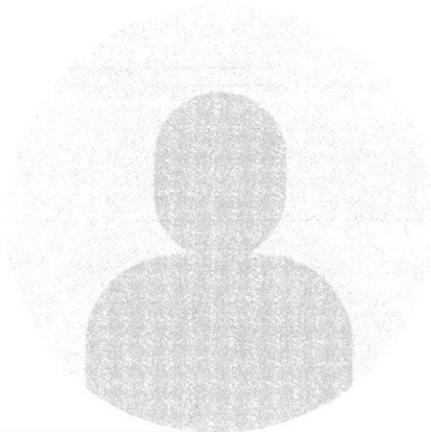


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