



**Randy Pettapiece, MPP**  
Perth-Wellington

Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario

November 1, 2017

Brent Kittmer  
CAO/Clerk  
Town of St. Marys  
175 Queen Street East, PO Box 998  
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Dear Brent,

**Re: Resolution to Save Local Long-Term Care Beds**

I am writing to inform you of my upcoming private member's resolution in the Ontario legislature and to formally request your support. It reads as follows:

*That, in the opinion of this House, recognizing the overwhelming opposition to the proposed transfer of long-term care beds out of the County of Perth, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care should immediately halt the process to consider this bed relocation until the government reviews and updates its metrics, and should not consider any further bed relocations out of the County until other long-term care operators in the County are given the opportunity to accept those beds.*

The text of my resolution is based on the final submission from the County of Perth, and the recommendations as submitted by the County to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. It is a response to the proposal to transfer up to 50 long-term care beds from Hillside Manor, located in the Township of Perth East, to the City of London.

Since I was first elected in 2011, few issues have commanded so much attention from my constituents residing in the County of Perth—and rightly so. Hundreds have attended the ministry's two public consultation meetings. Some 3,800 people have signed the petition we launched in May. Such engagement could be critical to the local outcome, and it is important that we maintain the momentum.

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Long-term care redevelopment—and further bed losses in the future—will affect every community I represent, including those in the County of Wellington, and small communities across the province. We believe the province has no effective plan to manage upcoming long-term care license expirations in small homes, which are generally located in small communities. Now is the time to focus the government's attention on this critical issue.

**If council supports the intent of my resolution, I would ask them to consider passing a formal resolution of support. Debate on this resolution is scheduled for November 30, 2017.** Enclosed for additional information is a copy of my news release. If you have any feedback on this issue, or if you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 519-272-0660 or by email: [randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org](mailto:randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org).

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Pettapiece".

Randy Pettapiece, MPP  
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Enclosure