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Appendix A – PACAC15-022 – Peterborough County Jail Demolition Correspondence

June 3, 2015

City of Peterborough  
**Peterborough Architectural Conservation  
Advisory Committee**  
500 George St. N.  
Peterborough, Ontario K9H 3R9

**Re: County of Peterborough – 470 Water Street – County  
Courthouse & Jail Buildings**

The County of Peterborough owns and operates the buildings at 470 Water Street – known as the Peterborough County Courthouse & Jail. It has come to our attention that the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee is in the process of designating our buildings under the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990.

The Council of the County of Peterborough is fully in support of designating the County Courthouse building. This building is a fine example of the architectural design of its era and this building is one of the most significant and iconic buildings in the City of Peterborough.

However, the Council of the County of Peterborough strongly and emphatically objects to a Heritage Designation of the old jail facility at the back of the County Courthouse. This property was left severely structurally damaged after a devastating riot in 2001 that resulted in the abandonment of the building by the Province (see photos attached). The damages caused in the riot and the deteriorated state of the building leave it logically unsalvageable. The investment required (2-3 million dollars) to restore the building to its' state and purpose are insurmountable to the County of Peterborough. Such cost will not be borne on the backs of the taxpayers of the County of Peterborough.

We respectfully request removal of the old jail facility from consideration of Designated Heritage building.

Sincerely,

J. Murray Jones, Warden  
The Council of the Corporation of the County of Peterborough

Attach:       Photos of Jail – May 2015







































