
Durham Furniture

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On behalf of the shareholders and the employees of Durham Furniture Inc., the largest corporate citizen in Durham, Ontario, we would like to go on record as opposing the closure of Rockwood Terrace Nursing Home in Durham. The closing would have a very negative impact on the community of Durham affecting the community's ability to service itself and its' seniors.

Durham Furniture employs 200 employees, of which approximately 80% live in Durham. The owners and employees have or have had family members reside at Rockwood Terrace. Mr. Larry Vollett, a well-known and respected citizen of Durham visited his mother at Rockwood every day for many years while she was alive. We know of other employees that visit their loved ones on daily/regular basis as well. The location of Rockwood makes it possible for the employees to fit these visits into their busy lives. Should the facility be closed or relocated it's possible the families may choose to relocate to be closer to their loved ones.

Our employees have circulated a petition that is attached to this letter.

One of the ongoing struggles in Grey/Bruce is the ability to attract doctors to the area, should the nursing home close, this will make it even more difficult for the hospitals to attract doctors to the area.

It is understood the facility requires renovations to bring it up to provincial standards and that the costs are significant. Unfortunately, costs and funding cannot be the primary concern of the people making these decisions. We at Durham Furniture would like to encourage all involved to take this personally/seriously and look at all possible solutions and strategies to keep Rockwood Terrace in Durham, Ontario.

Sincerely,



Luke Simpson
President & CEO



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Chairman

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