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April 27, 2016

Mr. Dwight Burley,  
Deputy Mayor of Georgian Bluffs  
Chair of the Social Services Committee

Ms. Lynn Johnson  
Director of Long Term Care, Grey County

Dear Mr. Burley and Ms. Johnson,

As I am sure you are aware, the recent media release regarding the future possibilities for the long term care facilities in Grey County has created quite a stir in the community. On behalf of the Family Council of Grey Gables, we felt it was important that you receive our input and opinion regarding the future of Grey Gables.

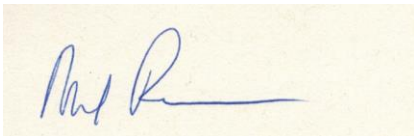
I am sure it will not surprise you that the Family Council unanimously agree that the County of Grey should ensure that Grey Gables remains as a long term care facility within our local community. I visit the residence regularly and understand how many of the residents really depend on the visitation by their loved ones. Having the facility moved farther away means that many of the current families would find it difficult to travel farther to visit their loved ones. I for one placed my mother at Grey Gables due to its proximity to my home in addition to the outstanding care she receives from the Grey Gables staff. We fear that a moving the facilities will further isolate the residents who treasure their contact with family and friends.

In addition, the new hospital being located right beside the current Grey Gables facility sets up an ideal situation for both the residents of Grey Gables as well as for the medical staff of the Markdale hospital. It would be counterintuitive to move the hospital to the new location only to have the local long term facility move farther away.

While we understand that the recommendation of the consultant does look at financial considerations, the Family Council of Grey Gables feels it is critical to also consider the social needs of the residents as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light yellow background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Michael R. Peirce'.

Dr. Michael Peirce, Ed.D.  
Chair: Grey Gables Family Council

c.c. Jennifer Cornell, Administrator – Grey Gables