

Mayor Foster and members of Clarington Council:

Re: Unfinished Business

14.3 Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Regarding Support of the Government's Commission on Long-Term Care

While we, along with the Ontario Long-Term Care Association, the SEIU Healthcare union and other interested parties, would like to see and have voiced support for a public inquiry to examine the Province's nursing home sector, we are almost certain the Ontario government will not veer from its course of an "independent commission" into long-term care.

We support the contents of the letter dated June 11, 2020 unanimously supported by Chatham-Kent Municipal Council to Premier Ford and Ministers Elliott and Fullerton. Premier Ford has acknowledged the long-term care system is broken and has been that way through successive governments. It is unfortunate that the Coronavirus pandemic has caused a call to action. Premier Ford has vowed to do whatever it takes to fix it. The most vulnerable, especially the elderly, do not deserve to spend their remaining time in squalor. Neither should the frontline staff have to work under untenable working conditions and be underpaid. We hope that Premier Ford is true to his word and the Commission is truly independent, non-partisan and transparent devoid of backroom meddling. That corrective actions are taken from the recommendations of the Commission to ensure the crisis in the long-term care system which were exposed are dealt with in an expeditious manner.

Thank you for your consideration!

Willie & Donna Woo