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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Barn on Halls Mill Road

Last night, I attended the meeting regarding the fate of the Red Barn on Halls Mill Road.

I found the arguments both for keeping and removing the barn very interesting but one comment caught my attention.

One fellow citizen said the it was just a barn and therefore not worth keeping.

I disagree.

Canada was largely developed by farmers. At one time, they made up most of the population and probably most of us have farmers as our ancestors. Is the work and heritage of these people of so little importance. Do we only want to remember the rich and powerful, who could build bigger more sturdy structures or do we want to honour and celebrate the work and courage of the early settlers to London and Byron in particular.

One option that was not mentioned.

Several presenters mentioned that the barn still appeared to have a viable structure and that the wood is very long lasting.

Could not the Red Hall's Mill Barn be dismantled and moved to a location where it would be preserved and cared for. Two such places could be Storybook Gardens or Fanshawe Village. Maybe there are other places in Byron were it could be located. It would make a lovely Byron museum.

Sincerely  
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