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Subject: Islay Hospital Conservation

Good Afternoon:

Attention CAO

My name is John Scott, a former CAO of the County (1977-1992), a former resident of the Islay district, and now a resident of Kitscoty.

I recently attended a gathering of a dozen or so current and former residents of the Islay community and during our conversation the matter of preserving the former Islay Hospital, opened in June of 1912, sparked some interest in the possibility of restoring the building. We are aware that the building is privately owned and, with the passage of time, may have deteriorated beyond the possibility of restoration.

I have been asked to contact you and the county council to determine if they are interested in pursuing the possibility of undertaking a restoration project. In the past there were Provincial/Federal grants for the preservation of historical structures but possibly they are not now available.

It was mentioned that this hospital could have been the first rural hospital in the province. Alan Ronaghan wrote a book titled "A White Passion" and the hospital Board wrote a history titled "The Hospital On The Hill". These would provide an insight into the importance of the hospital in the history of the County.

Should there be some interest by council I would think the first steps would be to determine if the property is available and to have the building inspected to determine if it could be restored.

I would be pleased to hear what council's thoughts are regarding this proposal.

John Scott