

Mayor and Town Council;

I understand that at some point in the near future you will be discussing the Mount Allison's proposed destruction of the Memorial Library which aside from being an historic building is also architecturally significant and is a War Memorial.

For some time now I have been reading a variety of articles on the Memorial Library. These articles have been written from a variety of perspectives and from a growing number of individuals. Each author aside from indicating their surprise if not shock that Mount Allison University, so steeped in history and seemingly a respect for tradition would even consider the destruction of one of its most illustrious buildings , has indicated a host of reasons why such a desecration should not take place. Architects, historians, war veterans, citizens far and wide and alumni have all added their voices in increasing numbers to the growing chant to save the Memorial Library from senseless destruction. However, sadly these voices seem to be falling on deaf ears.

I therefore respectfully ask that the Mayor and Town Council give serious consideration to becoming involved in this discussion. I firmly believe that one of the attributes that makes Sackville a special place is its historic buildings. I also believe that buildings on the Mount Allison Campus also belong to Sackville and that the town of Sackville should be privy to the debate on the future of the Memorial Library. I am certain that all know its architectural significance as well as its War Memorial status. It is simply more than an 'old' building. Many well informed Sackville residents have cited reasons why the building does not need to be torn down and pleaded its value to the University but also its value to Sackville.

Please consider adding your significant voice to this discussion by asking Mount Allison to reconsider their decision to destroy a significant piece of Sackville heritage.

Respectfully,

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