

Dear Mr. McCubbin,

This will acknowledge receipt of your email of 9 June 2011.

Now that the Hon. Trevor Holder has announced that the Mount Allison Historic Alumni Memorial Library building will not be designated as a Provincial Heritage Place and has removed Ministerial restrictions on altering the building that had been imposed when he had nationally advertised his intentions to designate this site, the University Administration may feel at liberty to demolish this outstanding monument.

You will remember that a request was made to the Mount Allison Board of Regents, as a result of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Mt A Federated Alumni on 14 May 2011, *"to include an Order of the Day during their meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, to hear concerns expressed by Alumni through the President of the Alumni and two members of the Save The Memorial Library Committee."*

As you will know, arrangements were made for the members of the Board to hear a 10 minute presentation prior to the start of their meeting on 17 May. A presentation was prepared as per this arrangement, even though it did not meet the specifics of the request from the Alumni. Honouring the Alumni motion would have included the presentation on the Board's May 17 agenda as an "Order of the Day" so the contents of the presentation would be officially part of that meeting, appropriately recorded and duly entered into the minutes.

In view of recent developments regarding the "on again off again" heritage designation for the historic Mount Allison Alumni Memorial Library it is indeed unfortunate that at the last moment you, as Chairman of the Board, and the Administration, cancelled this quasi-acceptable arrangement and refused to hear the Alumni presentation at all.

Please know that if the Board of Regents allows for the demolition of this important building before this presentation is made, there will be very angry, disillusioned and disgruntled Alumni who will rightfully believe that the Chairman of the Board of Regents and the Mt A Administration have refused to hear the concerns of Alumni as officially requested by a motion passed at their AGM.

In the best interests of Mount Allison University the Board of Regents must, in a timely manner, honour the spirit of this May 14, 2011 Alumni motion by hearing, recording and entering into the minutes the details of a presentation from the Alumni via the Alumni President and Save the Memorial Library Committee representatives - even if this means calling a special meeting of the entire Board of Regents. Again, in the best interests of the university, this must be done before authorizing the demolition of the "Historic Alumni Memorial Library" which is held in trust by the current Administration.

Yours truly,
Bruce Coates (Mt A class of '69)
For: Save the Memorial Library Committee.