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Town of Drumheller
Attn: Mayor Colberg & Council
224 Centre Street
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Dear Mayor Colberg & Council,

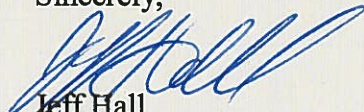
The Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce's Business Advocacy Committee has been made aware of concerns with derelict properties in our community. With the Town of Drumheller undergoing a review of the Community Standards Bylaw and Council's vision for Drumheller to be the "cleanest, friendliest, most sought after community in Alberta", we hope that action can be taken to deal with these properties throughout our community.

Derelict buildings in Drumheller can be obstacles to positive economic development in our community. Even a single derelict building can bring down the value of surrounding properties and businesses, pushing development elsewhere.

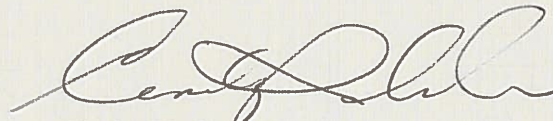
Two specific properties of concern are the site of the former Drumheller General Hospital and the site of the former Big Country Educational Consortium. Both properties are within or in close proximity to residential areas and have become eyesores in the community. Overgrown weeds in the summer, boarded up or broken windows, graffiti and garbage are common sights at these properties. Both properties have been acquired by investors a significant number of years ago and allowed to deteriorate to this point. Options to force the investors to deal with their properties must be aggressively explored.

As an organization representing the business community, we would ask the Town of Drumheller to take corrective action with derelict properties to ensure they are cleaned up and restored to a condition that does not hinder economic development in our community.

Sincerely,



Jeff Hall
Vice President



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Business Advocacy Committee Chair

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