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Dear Mayor Salonen and Wilmot Council members,

Thank you for bringing this issue forward for discussion on February 26, 2024. I am hopeful that you will make the best decision on the necessary next steps for the PM statues. Allowing them to remain in storage not only prolongs a difficult situation; it is also a large expense that the Township continues to bear.

The decisions made by the previous councils were made in good faith, and judging them now is not productive. By moving forward now in a clear minded way, Wilmot Township has the opportunity to address a difficult and emotional situation.

The decision you make will hopefully be the one that is respectful to all points of view and offers reconciliation. Work in this area was begun by the First Peoples Group and I urge you to see the value in what was accomplished.

A deceptively simple referendum would not address the underlying currents of animosity uncovered in Wilmot, something that surprised many residents.

It is for this reason that I strongly support Option 1) in Ms. Chambers excellent report: Maintain current direction and create a working group.

There are many options available for these sculptures, which are artists' works. Though this is a difficult situation, one thing is certain. Our council is entrusted to do what is best for Wilmot because we are all in this together.

I thank you in advance for doing that.

Sincerely,

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