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Subject: I am the granddaughter of St Clair and Ethel Balfour who owned the Balfour estate

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

I read with interest that the think tank Cardus organization is moving closer to using the grounds of my grandparents' old home, Chedoke. I am not clear what stage the negotiations were in, but I strongly support Cardus' taking over the restoration at Chedoke (or as the Spectator calls it "The Balfour Estate.")

I happened to drop by Chedoke in 2015 when there were tenants living in my grandparents' old home. The place was a mess!! I was really upset. There was a story about this in the Spectator : <https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/2015/10/30/gran-would-be-horrified-about-hamilton-s-balfour-mansion.html>

Again, I fully support Cardus taking over the care of the grounds. If there is an upcoming vote in the Council, I urge them to support yes for Cardus.

Sincerely,

Victoria Balfour