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**Port Hope ACO Announces Financial Support
for Walton Hotel Restoration**

Port Hope, Ontario — November 2nd, 2007 — The Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) has announced that it will be contributing financially to the restoration of the former Walton Hotel. The building, owned by Ron Christopher of Peterborough, is currently in the midst of an extensive reconstruction. Mr. Christopher plans to restore the building to its original appearance and reopen it as a boutique hotel with shops extending down John Street on the ground floor.

Funds provided by the ACO will go towards the replication of original window sash and recreation of the missing first floor cornice on the building's front.

Says Phil Carter, ACO board member, "We're glad to have the opportunity to help out. This "cornerstone" building stands at the intersection of Walton and John, right in the centre of town, and we're thrilled to see it being restored. It will be a huge asset to our main street when completed."

Says Mr. Christopher, "I'm of course delighted to have the support of the ACO! The help that the ACO is giving will help ensure that the building's restored appearance will be as close to the original as possible."

The Port Hope ACO is an organization committed to the maintenance and preservation of the historic sites and architecture in Port Hope. Towards this, the ACO organizes fundraising events in the area throughout the year, including the annual Antique Appraisal Day, the Antiques & Artifacts Auction and Tag Sale, the Bi-Annual Port Hope Garden Tour, and the Annual Port Hope House Tour.

Monies collected by the Port Hope ACO go towards grants and projects for the restoration of heritage designated buildings in the area and to a restoration arts scholarship fund.

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