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Mayor and MP support co-op in bid for funds to fix problems

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Residents living in units with mould, leaking windows above electric floor heaters and rusted bathtubs at Carruthers Road Co-operative Homes Inc. in Georgetown say enough is enough.

The co-operative requested funds from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to fix the problems, but have gotten nowhere for more than a year.

Noel Duignan, co-ordinator of the co-operative, is hopeful that will change soon after recent visits to the building by Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong, who both met with the residents, toured the building and wrote letters to CMHC on the residents' behalf.

Since that visit Duignan said The Agency for Co-operative Housing, which monitors the operating agreements with co-operatives for the CMHC, finally submitted a proposal Oct. 21 to the CMHC for funding to complete already agreed to work. That work includes the replacement of more than 200 windows, renovation of the lobby, new doors and replacement of some rusted bathtubs.

But the co-operative has not yet had a reply back.

"We are still awaiting a decision from CMHC," said Duignan.

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Sweet donation

Following another successful Halloween of trick or treating, Jenna Bouwkamp, 9, (left) and her sister Ellie, 6, dropped by Extendicare Halton Hills to distribute their candies to residents like Margaret Anderson. Jenna has Prader Willi Syndrome and must limit her calorie intake, so she simply gives

her Halloween candies away. This is the fourth year she and her sister have donated their candy to the residents at Extendicare.

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