

Habitat for Humanity begins project on Exchange Hotel

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local families for generations to come."

The organization will be working to preserve the original hotel with the help of two sets of engineers, including one specifically for deconstruction. Extensive asbestos remediation has also been done by third-party contractors.

This will be Habitat's longest and most unusual project to date with three phases to the build.

Phase 1 includes preparing the original hotel, ensuring it is structurally sound and ready to be moved forward on the property to allow for four more homes to be built. In Phase 2, the hotel will be relocated and Habitat will begin to restore and replace any of the necessary elements to transform the hotel into a home for a family in need. In Phase 3, construction

Work is now underway in Georgetown as Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga has begun to remove the additions to the original Exchange Hotel structure.

The project will turn the Exchange Hotel building and surrounding property into Habitat homes for five Georgetown families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

"We're very excited to get this project underway," Habitat Halton-Mississauga CEO John Gerrard said. "Transforming the abandoned hotel and property into five homes is no small feat, but with the help of local councillors and members of the community, we will also transform the lives and the futures of five



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Last week, Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga began working on Georgetown's Exchange Hotel. The project will deconstruct unsafe materials from the hotel, making room for a miniature complex to house five local families.

will begin on the additional townhomes.

"The relocation, restoration and redevelopment of this property will be a big undertaking, but we're very excited to begin Phase

1 of our Exchange Hotel build project," Gerrard said in a press release. "With the delicate nature of the demolition and remediation and the costs associated with the work needed to try to



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keep the original structure intact, we need Georgetown's support. Any donation toward the project - large or small - or any fundraising initiative will help us give five local families the affordable housing that

they deserve and return this meaningful property into the gateway to Georgetown that it once was."

To learn more about the build, visit habitat-build.ca/exchange-hotel-project.

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