

Habitat for Humanity begins work on Exchange Hotel property

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Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity Halton started clean up on the Exchange Hotel property in Georgetown last month.

Habitat for Humanity, which purchased the former Exchange Hotel property across from the Georgetown Train Station, has tentative plans to preserve part of the landmark building, and build four townhomes there.

In a press statement, Habitat for Humanity Halton's Board Chair and local resident Hugh Hyndman said Habitat hopes to work with other groups to restore the hotel.

Working together with the Architectural Conservancy Ontario (ACO), donor Mattamy Homes and Heritage Halton Hills, preliminary plans are to preserve the original

portion of the existing building, which was built in the mid 1850s, and shift it to the west end of the triangular lot it sits on, opening up space for the new homes.

"This is exciting news for the Town," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "We have brought together two organizations, Habitat for Humanity and Mattamy Homes, that care about heritage and the health and well-being of our community. Together they will bring new life to the Exchange Hotel."

The Exchange Hotel is an important community landmark, historically associated with the Georgetown Railway Station (circa 1855). The hotel and tavern served both travelers and local residents for almost 150 years before closing its doors in 2003.

Originally owned by Georgetown founder George Kennedy, whose daughter mar-



From left, Georgetown resident project supporter Kathy Leslie, Jim Waldbusser, vice-president of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario-Halton Hills; Jamie Payne, project co-ordinator for Habitat for Humanity Halton, and Ted Brown, Ward 2 Halton Hills Councillor and chair of Heritage Halton Hills, survey work done by volunteers on a Clean Up Day recently. Below volunteer Gerda Potzel does some site work. Chico's BBQ donated lunch for the Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

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ried the first innkeeper, it was sold to the Hillock family in 1913. The Hillock estate put the property up for sale in 2010. It sat vacant and in disrepair for several years.

To learn more about joining the Habitat Halton's volunteer team or becoming a donor or sponsor, visit www.habitathalton.ca.

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Tiny Town Daycare Creates Funding Solution for Struggling Families

MISSISSAUGA, August 5 – With the Federal election campaign heating up, the campaign issue that's heating up the voting electorate is daycare affordability and subsidization for struggling families in Canada. With the NDP's stated pledge that if elected, they will create 1 million childcare placements in the country with a \$15 a day offering, advocates and critics alike are chiming in on how to solve the nations daycare affordability crisis.

In fact the biggest challenge will be its stated \$3 billion price tag which critics state is grossly underestimated. Mr. Gerry Jutsun, President of Tiny Town Daycare and author of an insightful investigative daycare licensing report delivered to Queens Park in Ontario, is stating that the price tag for premium, quality childcare would be more in the \$4 billion to \$5 billion dollar range for creating one million daycare spaces.

A forward thinking and trend setting national daycare provider, Tiny Town Daycare is trumpeting its own innovative funding solution, with its own privately funded Subsidy and Grant program. Tiny Town Daycare is opening childcare centers in Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, and has created its own private sector Subsidy and Grant program financed all from private sources. The daycare provider has launched its own national campaign to raise money solely from Corporate sponsors and Private donors, with contributions going to approved applicants that have a demonstrated financial need.

With its funding campaign underway, Tiny Town Daycare is hoping to attract small businesses to large national corporations to become corporate sponsors for needy children in their local neighborhoods. Corporate sponsorships start as low as \$100 per month and in return, sponsors get tiered marketing channels with advertising and public media exposure.

The Tiny Town Daycare Private donor program is easily affordable and starts as low as \$10 per month, with meritorious representation on all its marketing verticals. What is endearing to the program is that both Corporate sponsors and Private donors get specific connection with the children they are supporting, and recipient families are made fully aware of who the companies and individuals are that are supporting their deserving children.

The revolutionary program is totally facilitated and offered online through its website portal at www.TinyTownDaycare.com, and through its DONATIONS tab in its Home page. Tiny Town Daycare is hoping to attract corporate sponsors and private donors across Canada with its 1st phase rollout of franchised childcare centers. The company hopes to raise \$50,000 per month for every daycare center it's operating in its 1st phase release of target cities including Toronto GTA, Southern Ontario, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. That would translate into a better than 50% discount of Tiny Town Daycare's stated childcare prices, bringing it within a \$20 per day price range.

With the anticipated success of its innovative program, Tiny Town Daycare hopes to become totally self reliant and offer its premium, high quality childcare services to struggling families without the burden of any tax based funding requirements.

The pilot test project was very well received and is now being launched with a major marketing and PR campaign. Its current family recipients were extremely satisfied that they could secure quality daycare services from Tiny Town Daycare without having to resort to unqualified babysitting or unlicensed homecare services.

As its creator of the Subsidy and Grant program, Gerry Jutsun was enthusiastic and optimistic in his iconoclastic solution for struggling families in Canada. The President of Tiny Town Daycare stated "with the anticipated success of this revolutionary approach to childcare funding, we can solve the daycare twin crisis of affordability and accessibility. Tiny Town Daycare stands on the threshold of ushering in a new era of premium, high quality affordable childcare services for our nation's children and families for generations to come".

Corporate sponsors and private donors can easily sign up to join the Tiny Town Daycare Subsidy and Grant program by registering online at www.tinytowndaycare.com and selecting the DONATIONS tab on the far right on its Home page.

To contact Tiny Town Daycare, please call Mr. Gerry Jutsun, President or Mrs. Dora Hirsch, Family Care Representative at 905.274.0200.

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Gerry Jutsun, President of Tiny Town Daycare presents Prime Minister's wife Mrs. Lauren Harper and MP Stella Ambler with the Tiny Town Daycare - Subsidy and Grant program, August 5, 2015 photo by JMG Images

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My wife and I are separating. We have agreed that our two children will live with her and that I will pay child support to her. We have agreed about everything else including the house but she says we still should see a lawyer. I don't want to spend the money. If we have agreed to everything, do we still have to see a lawyer?

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You should each retain your own lawyer to prepare a Separation Agreement setting out the terms you and your wife agree upon.

A valid Separation Agreement requires the agreement to be in writing and signed and dated and witnessed. In addition, you each need independent legal advice as well as full financial disclosure. If you have complied with these terms, then the agreement will be binding on both parties and difficult to overturn or set aside in the future in the event of a dispute although you and your wife could have an amending agreement if you agreed on a change of some of the terms in the future.

You each need to have your own lawyer to give you legal advice concerning the issues which you and your wife have agreed upon. Your lawyer will review all the issues with you and advise you of your options as you may not have been aware or considered some issues or options available to each of you.

Your lawyers will each provide you with a Financial Statement to complete and advise you of the documentation you should each provide to the other party. There needs to be full financial disclosure between you and your wife or that may lead to the agreement being overturned or set aside by a court for lack of financial disclosure.

A Separation Agreement should be prepared by your lawyer setting out all the terms agreed upon between you and your wife in language that properly addresses the various issues agreed upon. The agreement should be properly prepared to ensure the correct language is used as you will want to rely upon this agreement in the future and need to rely on the terms in the agreement. Your lawyer will also sign the agreement setting out that he/she has provided you with independent legal advice.

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