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and will be held at the GLT Studio
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Halton Hills council has given family members associated with Beecham House, a mid-19th Century farmhouse located on 27 Sideroad, six months to find a way to salvage the homestead. Credit Valley Conservation wants to deconstruct the house saying it is a target for vandals and a safety hazard. Relatives of the home's previous owners contend the CVC let it fall into disrepair. *Photo by Ted Brown*

Beecham House gets 6-month reprieve, but historic home is still in jeopardy

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 Staff Writer

Family members associated with Beecham House have been given six months to come up with a plan to save the old farmhouse, listed on the Town's Heritage Register, from deconstruction.

John and Irene (Keir) Carroll presented their case to Halton Hills council, which had to decide whether to allow Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) to go ahead with deconstruction of the mid-19th Century farmhouse, located with the Silver Creek Outdoor Education Centre on 27 Sideroad. Irene

Carroll's father was a farm manager on the property in the past.

Listed on the Town's Heritage Register (but not designated), Beecham House is also sometimes referred to as Falling Brook Farm.

It was sold to CVC in 1973, Irene Carroll said, on the condition that it be preserved.

The Carrolls accused the CVC, owner of the building, of allowing it to deteriorate to an inhabitable state.

"We feel it's due to neglect and lack of vision by the CVC that the house isn't worth saving, at the moment. It's disturbing to think that a valuable piece of Halton history is going to end up as a pile of logs somewhere or in a landfill site, instead of being included as an education tool."

The CVC had rented the building to tenants but it has been unoccupied since 2001. The CVC intends to remove the building and restore the area to its natural habitat. The agency contends the empty building is a target for vandals, partying youths and is a potential safety hazard to the thousands of children who visit the Outdoor Education Centre each year.

The CVC has estimated it would cost more than \$100,000 to bring the deteriorated farmhouse up to Municipal Code standards.

The CVC initially requested a demolition permit, but Heritage Halton Hills instead ordered a "meticulously recorded deconstruction" of the log cabin structure to be sold or reused elsewhere. The CVC is prepared to work with the Friends of the Devereaux House, which is restoring a home on Trafalgar Rd. for community use, for possible re-use of materials.

John Carroll told council members that the square log cabin is the only significant one of its kind in Halton Hills.

There are a number of people— "20 families and growing"— concerned about the deconstruction and are now speaking up as the Friends of Falling Brook Farm.

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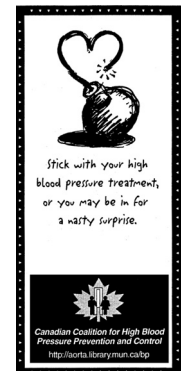


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