







At top, Halton Women's Place executive director Theresa Greer and program supervisor Sandra Crowley tour the partially-completed facility. Above left shows a view of the back of the shelter, which will include a children's play area. Above right, workmen finish the brick work at the front of the facility.

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Town of Milton will take over the existing building

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facility is expected to be complete in November. The original completion date was set for January or February.

Since the Milton beds were closed, people in need have been forwarded to either the Burlington shelter under HWP's wing or others in neighbouring communities.

"We've been bursting at the seams because we've been taking on as many people as we're capable of handling during the time Milton has been closed," Ms Taylor said of the Burlington shelter.

"We haven't run into any serious problems where we haven't been able to

accommodate anybody, although they might not be accommodated in Halton."

Staff from the closed shelter have been working at the Burlington shelter since the closure. No layoffs have occurred.

Once HWP has officially vacated the existing shelter building, the Town of Milton will take over ownership. Some improvements to the building may be necessary prior to the assumption, Ms Taylor added.

"We need to meet our commitment that it be an inhabitable building, whether they use it for office or tear it down for parking."



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