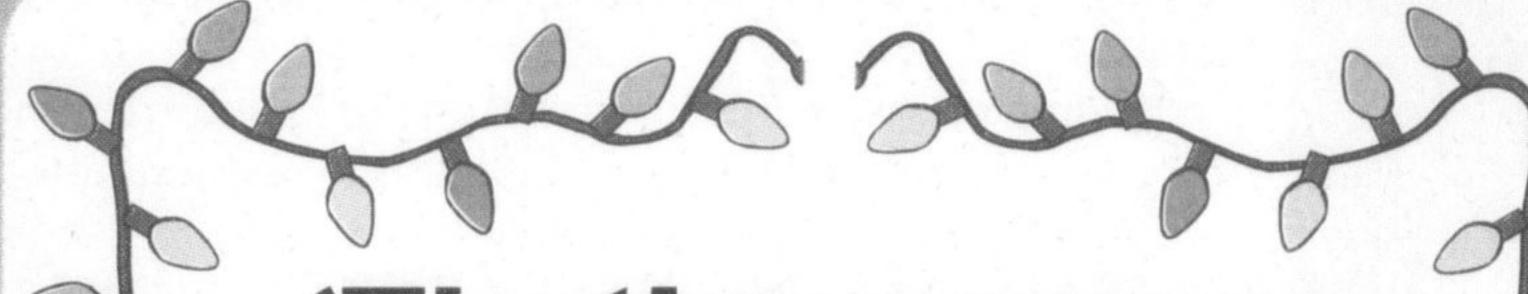


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MOVING DAY: A house being moved by the Town squeezes around the corner of Brown and Mary streets on the way to its new location on Bell Street. The home, which was originally at 155 Mary St., was relocated to make way for the Town Hall expansion project. The dwelling will soon be sold through a public tender process.

Halton to make appeal to feds

The Region is calling on the federal government to be speedy in its funding announcements for homeless initiatives so that local programs aren't forced to close down.

Halton council passed a motion to that effect Wednesday after hearing from a group of local agencies whose programs for homeless and at-risk individuals depend on money flowing from Ottawa.

Transitions for Youth Executive Director Ellis Katsof,

who represented the agencies, once again stressed that the agencies need to hear by February 1 next year if funding will be continued.

Otherwise, he said they'll have to shut their programs down so that additional deficits aren't incurred, leaving over 500 residents who are homeless or at risk of being homeless each year without support services.

Council's resolution calls for the regional chairman to meet with Halton MPs to request their support in ensuring funding announcements are made by February 1.

The regional chair will also write to the minister of human resources and social development to applaud the government's commitment to funding homelessness programs, but also urge her to announce continued funding for the current programs by February 1 and ensure there are no delays in funding after March 31.

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