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# Hammer time

CONSTRUCTION IS NEARING COMPLETION ON THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD AT 6554 MAIN ST. IN STOUFFVILLE



Tim Foster notches boards with a power saw.

Heather Dines and others work outside the home at Main and Stouffer streets.



From left, Asad Nematullah, Frank Mercuri and Rebecca Archer install strapping.

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### Wine bar delays almost over: builder

Ten designs later, the contractor for Stouffville's downtown wine bar says construction will soon be underway despite structural challenges.

SMC Project Realization and Management president Ron Carleton told The Sun-Tribune that construction of the wine bar at 6297 Main St., aka the "Silver Jubilee building," has been challenging due to the fact that it's an old structure.

"The problem with these old buildings is they're not built compliant to today's standards with handicap accessibility, washroom accessibility, etc.," he said.

Carleton says design issues have caused

delays in construction. "One issue compounds the other," he said while explaining how a second-floor stairwell causes alterations to the kitchen, bar, washroom and other ground floor components.

But SMC remains optimistic that construction will start. Carleton says a construction timeline will be "solidified" by the end of the month. Demolition is complete; the contractor is now waiting for a final design.

The town sold the "Silver Jubilee building" to 1375427 Ontario Inc. on Oct. 23, 2015. Renovations were expected to be completed this summer to transform the property into a wine bar and restaurant.

The property was sold for \$515,000.

—Ali Raza

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