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Habitat for Humanity launches exciting affordable housing development in North Grenville

Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Thousand Islands, is calling on the North Grenville community to help build homes for working families.

NORTH GRENVILLE, ON - June 6, 2022 – Habitat Greater Ottawa and Habitat Thousand Islands were proud to be joined by members of the North Grenville community to commence their newest affordable housing development, Kemptville Korner.

On the morning of June 2, 2022, Mayor Nancy Peckford along with representatives from Grenville Mutual Insurance and eQ Homes were on site to witness the start of this affordable housing development on land generously donated by the Municipality of North Grenville.

"We are thrilled to partner with Habitat for Humanity to facilitate the establishment of 15 new townhomes in the heart of Kemptville's downtown and at the edge of the Kemptville Campus," said Mayor Nancy Peckford. "This development will provide pathways to affordable and well-built homes for 15 hard-working families who would otherwise not be able to purchase one in our community."

The 15-unit development will be the largest Habitat for Humanity build in North Grenville to date. Through the generous support of Grenville Mutual Insurance and eQ Homes, Kemptville Korner will be completed over the next two years. During that time, Habitat will be reaching out to potential sponsors, donors and other supporters in the community to help ensure completion of the development.

"We are all excited and proud to have the opportunity to support this project," said Stephen Wilson, Chair of the Board for Grenville Mutual Insurance, who attended Thursday's event. "Not only will it provide safe, stable and affordable homes for families, but inspires Grenville to live our values of supporting the communities where we work and live."

"Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity is a great fit, since we share so many of the same values," says Josh Kardish, Senior Vice President of eQ Homes. "We see helping to provide shelter to families in our community as an extension of the community-building we do every day."

Habitat for Humanity homes could not be built without the dedication and contributions of its community volunteers. With the start of the Kemptville Korner build, Habitat Greater Ottawa and Habitat Thousand Islands are **calling on members of the North Grenville community to**

get involved on the build site and around the area. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, such as build days, local fundraising events, as well as community events celebrating the build and the future Habitat homeowners.

“We look forward to working with business and community leaders on helping make this innovative project a success,” emphasized Councillor Debbie Wilson.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit: <https://habitatgo.ca/get-involved/>

Applications for the Kemptville Korner development are now open. Please visit: <https://habitatgo.ca/apply-now/> for more information on how to apply for a Habitat home, and to fill in our Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

Details are forthcoming for an official community-wide event later on this year in celebration of Kemptville Korner. To keep up to date on the build and upcoming events, please like and follow the Kemptville Korner Facebook page: [@HabitatKemptvilleBuild](https://www.facebook.com/HabitatKemptvilleBuild).

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(June 2, 2022) - Habitat Greater Ottawa Director of Construction, Adrian Schut, explaining the 15-unit developments layout.



(June 2, 2022) From Left to Right: Mushtaq Kazani, CEO of Habitat Greater Ottawa; Gavin Liddy, Chair of the Board of Directors, Habitat Greater Ottawa; Pamela Little and Martin Vanandel, Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors, Habitat Thousand Islands.



(June 2, 2022) From Left to Right: eQ Homes representatives Megan van Rijt, Sales Manager; Tobin Kardish, Director, Marketing & Product Development; James Paterson, Customer Experience Director, eQuinelle; and Katherine Toms, Marketing Associate.



(June 2, 2022) Stephen Wilson, Chair of the Board for Grenville Mutual Insurance.



(June 2, 2022) Representatives from Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa, Habitat for Humanity Thousand Islands, eQ Homes, Grenville Mutual Insurance and the Municipality of North Grenville.



(June 2, 2022) North Grenville's Mayor Nancy Peckford and Councillor Debbie Wilson.

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About Kemptville Korners

Located on Concession Road across from the Kemptville District Hospital and near the Kemptville Area Family Resource Centre, local schools, Riverside Park and other amenities, the 15-unit North Grenville affordable housing development will comprise of six conventional townhomes and six stacked townhomes above three accessible barrier-free units on the ground floor. Construction is slated to begin in 2022 and completed in spring 2024. All homes are either 2-bedroom accessible homes or 3 or 4-bedroom standard homes, and will include parking, and either a rear yard or balcony.

About Habitat for Humanity

With the help of local Habitat families, donors, community partners and volunteers, Habitat for Humanity builds affordable homes that provide a solid foundation for local families.

Habitat's homeownership program offers more than just housing; it sets families up to be successful homeowners who are invested in their homes and in their community. The benefits of owning a long-term stable Habitat home are many. They include reduced reliance on social housing and food banks, better educational, financial and employment outcomes and improved health and overall wellbeing for families.

For more information, please visit habitatgo.ca and habitat1000islands.org