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Habitat Hamilton Breaks Ground on Largest Build in Its History

New Dawson Avenue development will deliver 10 energy-efficient homes for local families

HAMILTON, ON – April 29, 2026 – Habitat for Humanity Hamilton officially broke ground today on its most ambitious project in its 35-year history: a 10-unit residential development at 19 Dawson Avenue in Stoney Creek.

The project will deliver 10 thoughtfully designed, energy-efficient homes for local families and represents a meaningful step forward in addressing Hamilton’s ongoing housing affordability challenges.

“This is a landmark moment for Habitat Hamilton,” said Sean Ferris, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Hamilton. *“Not only is this our largest build to date, but it reflects how we are evolving to meet the realities of today’s housing market. As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we’re pleased to know that these homes will provide stability, opportunity, and a pathway forward for families who need it most.”*

The Dawson Avenue development will also introduce an innovative housing model designed to support working families who are increasingly priced out of homeownership. By combining stable housing with a structured path toward financial independence, the project aims to create long-term impact beyond the homes themselves.

This project reflects a broader national effort to address housing affordability through innovative, community-driven solutions.

“Projects like the Dawson Avenue build show what’s possible when communities come together to address the housing crisis in a tangible way. Across Canada, we’re seeing more families being priced out of safe and stable housing, and innovative, partnership-driven solutions like this are critical to changing that” said Pedro Barata, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Canada.

The build is made possible through strong collaboration between all levels of government, community partners, generous local businesses, and caring individual donors & volunteers.

“Habitat Hamilton breaking ground on the largest build in its history is a milestone worth celebrating for our entire community and a powerful example of what can be achieved when partners come together with a shared purpose. These 10 new energy-efficient homes will create real opportunities for Hamilton families to build stability, put down roots, and achieve the dream of homeownership. This project reflects the kind of practical, people-focused solutions we need to help address housing affordability. Congratulations and thank

you to Habitat for Humanity Hamilton, its volunteers, donors, industry partners, and government partners for helping build a stronger future for Hamiltonians” said City of Hamilton Mayor Andrea Horwath.

Major industry partners, including the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH), are also playing a key role in bringing the project to life.

“CIPH is proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity to sponsor our 15th home build in Canada,” said Satinder Chera, Chief Executive Officer of CIPH. “For over 32 years, our members have contributed product and funding, bringing Canada’s plumbing & heating industry together to help improve lives and build stronger communities.”

Elected officials from municipal, provincial, and federal levels were in attendance, underscoring the importance of collaboration in tackling housing challenges.

“Our government is proud to support organizations that focus on improving the lives of people in Hamilton. Habitat for Humanity does not just build affordable housing, they build communities. With a strong team-Hamilton approach, this project is creating good jobs for local workers and ensuring that more families can call Stoney Creek home” said Neil Lumsden, MPP for Hamilton-East Stoney Creek.

Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026, with completion anticipated within approximately two years.

For any families looking to move into one of these ten homes, more information can be found at www.habitathamilton.ca/apply.

For more information on the build itself, visit www.habitathamilton.ca/dawson.

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About Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Hamilton is an independent charity, building affordable housing and promoting homeownership. Since 1991, Habitat Hamilton has built and renovated dozens of houses for underhoused families. Our vision is a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. With world-class project build execution, we foster and build equity through affordable housing while fully integrating diversity and inclusion into everything we do. We bring together local volunteers, community members, donors, and corporate partners to build homes, communities, and hope. www.habitathamilton.ca