

## HISTORIC HALIFAX HOUSE TO MOVE END OF NOVEMBER The Morris House Project launches exciting month-long campaign



In late November, the Morris House, the second oldest wooden building in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) will be moved from its current downtown site to a lot at the corner of Creighton and Charles Streets – 4.5 km through the city's core – where it will become energy-efficient, affordable housing for young adults.

The Ecology Action Centre and Heritage Trust Nova Scotia, joined by Metro Non Profit Housing Association and the ARK (a drop-in centre for young adults) have been working tirelessly for the past three years, first to save the historic house from demolition and then to develop it as an inspiring affordable housing model in the North End.

"Imagine the sight of a 250 year old house moving through the streets of Halifax," says Kim Thompson, founding member of the Joint Action Committee for the Morris, of the spectacular nature of the project. "It's remarkable that the building has already been moved twice since the 1760's when it was built and is about to move yet again. The Morris House symbolizes the importance of preserving our built environment, and the need for affordable housing in Halifax."

The Morris House Project Committee has set up an Indiegogo campaign ([indiegogo.com/MorrisHouse](http://indiegogo.com/MorrisHouse)), with a \$15,000 immediate fundraising goal. The campaign is ongoing until November 25th and all donations will go directly to moving the house. Donors can choose how much to give based on a series of "perks," such as handcrafted silk screen prints and inscribed heritage bricks.

The ambitious campaign is directed toward moving the house, but it also offers an opportunity to present the project to the public. "The Morris House is a symbol of affordable housing and sustainability. We hope people will use the project as a starting point to really dig into these critical issues," says Thompson.

The Morris House Indiegogo campaign is active until November 25, the approximate move-date for the house. A number of other events are planned, including a "busking fundraiser" with talented St. Mary's University students November 9, a pre-move parade and a neighbourhood welcome party with the house's new North End neighbours. Details will be posted at [www.MorrisHouse.ca](http://www.MorrisHouse.ca)

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