



Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg transports house from Red River EX grounds

Winnipeg, MB, September 2, 2011 – Early this morning Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg transported a Habitat home to its permanent location at 167 Archibald Street. The Home, sponsored by The Source was moved from its high profile build location on the Red River Ex grounds where it has resided since the conclusion of the Exhibition. The home had to stay put even though the foundation of its ultimate location was completed months ago as delays were incurred due to construction on potential transport routes and availability of Habitat staff.

“The process of transporting the home is relatively easy since we hire a qualified mover. They make nearly all the arrangements, including getting the permits which makes for a smooth and efficient transporting of the home,” says Vern Koop, Habitat’s Director of Construction. The move took place this morning at 3:30 a.m. with work crews from Reimer Building Movers raising the home onto the appropriate beams, secured to the vehicle they installed the previous day. The home was transported with a police escort from the Exhibition grounds travelling east down Portage Avenue, south over the Moray bridge, eventually making its way to Bishop Grandin and Lagimodière before turning west on Fermor to Archibald, where the home arrived to its ultimate destination around 6:00 a.m.

Habitat’s other high profile transporting of a house was over two years ago when a Habitat home was moved from a church parking lot in a downtown location to a home on Charles Street. Other moves have seen Habitat transport vacant homes elsewhere from land they have purchased or been donated.

The Archibald home will be completed when crews of various trades come to complete the interior and inner workings of the 850 sq. ft. bungalow. The home is scheduled for completion later this fall with the very anxious and happy family moving in before the holiday season.

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg is a local affiliate of an international non-profit registered charity committed to eliminating poverty housing and dedicated to making safe, decent and affordable housing for purchase by low-income working families.

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