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### **Count Down!! The Morris House IS Moving!!**

After three years of community collaborations and hundreds more hours recently involving logistics and planning by volunteers and lines crews, the Heritage Trust will move the historic, 249-year-old Morris House on Jan. 25 from Hollis Street to its new home in North End Halifax.

**The 4.5-kilometer, two-day journey will begin (weather permitting) in the early morning hours of Friday, Jan. 25** (storm day Saturday, Jan. 26). S. Rushton Construction Ltd., house movers from New Glasgow, will transport the house along Lower Water Street, up Sackville St. and onto Brunswick St., where it will rest for a day near the corner of Cogswell and Brunswick.

**Sunday, Jan. 27**, Gottingen Street will be closed to traffic after midnight and the move will continue, with its escort of police and heavy equipment, to Charles Street. From there it will roll along another block to its new home just opposite Joseph Howe Elementary School.

Details on street closures and timing for the move will be issued by the City and up-dated at [www.morrishouse.ca](http://www.morrishouse.ca). City engineers, telecommunications people and Nova Scotia Power have been working hard on this historic and unprecedented event. It is a sight you won't want to miss!

Recently Grade 4 students from Joseph Howe School walked the entire route the Morris House will take. “They have been following progress on the House closely, learning about its history, the engineering needed for the move and the community purpose it will fulfill,” explains school principal Patricia Tupper. Many more learning opportunities await them once construction on the site begins. They are also part of planning community welcoming events next week.

Documenting the Morris House and its move will be the role of youth film project, *In My Own Voice* based out of Uniacke Square.

“The move has become a symbol for resilience, transformation, determination and finding opportunity in unlikely places”, mused Kim Thompson of the Ecology Action Centre. “The project is driven by the pressing need for healthy, affordable, and energy efficient housing, as well as the importance of stable housing for many young people who do not easily have access to it”, adds Metro Non-Profit Housing director, Carol Charlebois. It also draws attention to the role our heritage buildings can have in developing Halifax.

The public is encouraged to come out and celebrate the journey of the Morris House. There will be a **send-off gathering at the Morris House’ current location, 5128 Lower Water Street, Thursday, Jan. 25, 7:30-8:30 p.m.** A “welcome to the neighbourhood” will take place at noon on Monday, Jan. 28 at Joseph Howe School, corner of Charles and Creighton.

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