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**Lexington Hotel uses renovation as opportunity to help build affordable homes**  
*Renovations mean new beginnings for the hotel and their gently-used goods*

**SUDBURY, ON** – The Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 444 Barrydowne Road is benefitting from the renovation of a popular downtown hotel.

The former Howard Johnson hotel, located at 50 Brady Street, is now home to the mid-to-upscale Lexington Hotel – only the second in Canada – and will undergo a complete facelift this summer. The renovations will include clearing out 77-rooms of furniture and gently-used goods, part of which will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

“It’s been amazing,” said Stephanie Long, ReStore manager. “We have been able to get a lot of great stuff from the renovation process, and our store and their new rooms look great. We are very thankful they thought of partnering with us to help. The product is already flying out of the ReStore.”

Over the past few weeks, ReStore staff and volunteers have been loading furniture and goods by the truckload for distribution all over northern and central Ontario. Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North operates five regional ReStores in Sudbury, Huntsville, Bracebridge, North Simcoe and Orillia.

“It’s a win-win-win,” said Long. “Our staff and hard-working volunteers help provide a salvage and distribution opportunity. We keep our landfills clear of gently-used and reusable goods, and the sales of these products will help build affordable homes in Sudbury and the region.”

Donated goods from the hotel renovation include furniture, housewares, office chairs, flooring, fixtures, and more. Habitat for Humanity ReStores provide a unique shopping experience with an ever-changing inventory of new and gently-used discounted product. Donations, like the one from the Lexington Hotel, are invaluable because ReStore inventory is dependent on the generosity of corporate and private donors.

“It has been a pleasure to work with Stephanie and the ReStore staff and volunteers,” said Lexington Hotel General Manager Shelley Peever. “There is a great satisfaction in helping the community and we are delighted to be a part of it.”

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