

## City council donates money for co-op land

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The GranHouse Student Co-operative got a big boost towards achieving its fundraising goal from Cambridge council.

Council has unanimously approved a \$55,000 donation to the student co-op, which covers the purchase price of the Ainslie Street land the Grand House sits on.

Co-op executive director Chantal Cornu told council that roughly \$400,000 in cash, materials and services have already been donated to the affordable, sustainable housing project, which will house as many as a dozen architecture school students.

The co-op is still seeking to collect another \$183,000 in donations and "the donation of this land by the city would go a long way towards that," Cornu said.

In making her pitch to council, Cornu noted that much of the "misfit" property, which the co-op had initially purchased from the city, is considered worthless because it is a steep hillside lot.

While the Grand House will be completed this summer, Cornu said the co-op is now looking at creating more affordable, sustainable housing projects for non-profit organizations on other "misfit properties" across the city.

Open house

Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School is holding its Celebration of the Eucharist event, open house and blessing of 10th anniversary cornerstone tomorrow in the school's gymnasium, starting at 6:30 p.m.