



City of Peterborough

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Peterborough, ON –

Councillor Henry Clarke, Chair of Housing, Councillor Terry Guiel, Chair of Social Services and senior staff met recently with Brock Mission's Executive Director Bill McNabb and representatives from the Board of the Mission. "There are details we still need to confirm but we will have a Warming Room! In fact, our planning is well ahead of where we've been in prior years", stated Councillor Clarke following the meeting. "Our objective was to clarify the future of the Warming Room and this objective has been met."

City representatives were advised that, due to the severe space challenges facing Brock Mission and the need for Brock to focus on executing its capital plan, the operation of the Warming Room during this upcoming winter season should be offered to interested community agencies through a 'Request for Proposal' (RFP) process in early September. The draft RFP and revenue budget were reviewed and will be made available to the community over the next few weeks. It is hoped that the outcome of the RFP process and the location of the Warming Room will be confirmed by early October.

Patricia Knapp, Director of Social Services, indicated that further information regarding the RFP, a proposed information session and mandatory proponent meeting will be released within the next two weeks through notices in local newspapers.

"Brock Mission will continue to play a vital role providing shelter services to our citizens. But under the present circumstances it is not feasible for Brock Mission to directly operate the Warming Room at their facility this year. I can't believe the amount of hard work that has been done behind the scenes to ensure that the Warming Room remains a critical service to our community," stated Councillor Guiel.

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