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In August of 2005 an RFP for expressions of interest to operate the Warming Room for this upcoming winter was advertised. This step was taken as Brock Mission had determined based on the deterioration of their Kingan House site that they could not offer this program for a year. While one proponent did express an interest they subsequently determined not to proceed.

Since September the Social Services Department supported by Councillor Terry Guiel, Counsellor Henry Clark and various other senior city staff have been working diligently to ensure that a Warming Room site was secured and will be available this winter.

To date a facility has been secured and the City of Peterborough - Social Services Department with support of the Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 52 is pleased to announce that the Warming Room will be located at 217 Murray Street (upper two floors). The hours of operation will be 7:00pm to 9:00am, except on "Cold Day Alert" (-15 Celsius) at which time the centre will open for 24 hours. As in the past the Warming Room will open December 1, 2005.

We are concurrently in the process of finalizing the agreement with the provider who has experience understanding the needs of the homeless community and the knowledge and expertise to operate the program.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.city.peterborough.on.

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