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Peterborough, ON --

The City of Peterborough Social Services Division, in partnership with Peterborough Social Planning Council and Brock Mission are pleased to announce plans for a community drop in centre.

Peterborough Social Planning Council (PSPC) has agreed to be the lead sponsor organization to provide the service component at the drop in centre. PSPC will work with "Our Space", a grassroots volunteer organization that is committed to the development and delivery of a drop in program that supports the needs of low-income individuals in our community. A number of other community social service and health organizations will also assist PSPC in the design and delivery of the services at the centre. Light snacks will be provided at the centre and access to information and community resources have been incorporated into the program plan.

The drop in centre will be located in the lower level of Brock Mission at 217 Murray Street. Renovations, coordinated by Peterborough Housing Corporation, are underway to convert the lower level into a large, comfortable area for program delivery. The site will be ready by mid-December. Details on an exact opening date will be released as soon as available.

This is an exciting opportunity to move beyond a seasonal warming room approach toward a program that targets the longer term needs of these citizens and aims to help them improve their personal circumstances.

The community drop in centre will be open from 9:00am –5:00pm 7 days a week. In addition, evening programs such as cooking classes or recreational opportunities will be available periodically.

The service contract is for a 12-month period with opportunity for extension upon review.

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

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