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DAYTIME WARMING CENTRE SET TO CLOSE MARCH 31

North Bay, ON: With above average daytime temperatures predicted for the region through to May, the warming centre located at 579 Fraser Street will close on March 31st.

Beginning November 1, 2023, the warming centre operated daily from 8 AM to 8 PM, providing access to bathrooms and showers, laundry, food, and shelter during the cold winter months, keeping vulnerable individuals out of the elements. In addition to the warming services, valuable referrals and connections to other services were also provided. To date, a total of 282 individuals attended the warming centre since opening.

“Special thanks go to The Gathering Place and their staff for stepping in to operate the warming centre this year and helping so many people get out of the cold, and to the many supportive community agencies including, among others, Crisis Centre North Bay, True Self, Victim's Services, North Bay Police, Amelia Rising, AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area HIV - Hep C - Harm Reduction Services (ACNBA), and North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre.” says Mark King, Chair of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board.

Planning is underway for warming centre services for next winter with a target opening date of November 1st, at a yet to be determined location.

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