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**DAYTIME WARMING CENTRE TO OPEN NOVEMBER 1**  
***New Location At 579 Fraser Street***

**North Bay, ON:** Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, anyone needing to get out of the cold this winter can go to the new warming centre location at 579 Fraser Street, during the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, any day of the week. Over the summer, the District on Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), along with the City of North Bay and Crisis Centre North Bay worked to identify an available location that could be opened as a warming centre. This centre, operated by The Gathering Place, will remain open until March 31<sup>st</sup>, with an option to remain open until April 30<sup>th</sup> if cold weather persists in the spring. About 40 visitors can be accommodated at the Fraser Street site.

“We are very pleased to have a warming centre in place where people can go when it’s cold, and DNSSAB thanks all the partners who are helping to keep people safe this winter,” says DNSSAB Chair Mark King.

“The importance of a location like this can’t be understated. Having a safe, warm place for folks to go when winter hits is crucial and having it ready to go this early in the year is a real testament to the work the community partners put into this,” says Dennis Chippa, Executive Director of The Gathering Place.

The low barrier shelter on Chippewa Street remains open overnight for people experiencing homelessness.

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