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Counties Announce Temporary Warming Centre Location Change in Brockville

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is pleased to announce that the temporary warming centre in Brockville will relocate to a new facility at **166 Pearl Street East**. The space will be located in the vacant EarlyON Centre at Commonwealth Public School, which has a separate entrance on the East side of the building. The new space will **open at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026**. This change will better serve individuals accessing the warming centre during the coldest months of the year.

The warming centre will remain staffed by two support workers and will be monitored by on-site security personnel, operating seven days a week from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Those using the warming centre will have access to water, coffee, light snacks, gravity chairs, and blankets, paired with intensive case management.

"We are thankful to the Upper Canada District School Board for granting us temporary access to this facility. This new location allows us to provide a safe and more comfortable environment for those using the centre and we are continuing to work toward a permanent solution," said Warden Corinna Smith-Gatcke. "Our priority remains protecting life and safety, and we appreciate the community's support as we make these improvements."

The Counties wish to thank the residents of 55 Reynolds Drive and the broader community for their patience and understanding as we worked to secure a more suitable space.

As a reminder, the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health (LLGAMH), Drop-In Centre have extended hours to better serve clients. The Drop-In, located at 25 Front Avenue West, South Entrance, is now open 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days a week until April 30, 2026. Clients can access the Drop-In for a safe, warm, and welcoming place to access basic needs such as laundry and shower facilities and cellphone charging.

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