Warming Centre to Provide Relief During Cold Weather in the Oceanside Area

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) will be opening an extreme cold weather warming centre overnight on Sunday, February 2, Monday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 4 at the Oceanside Community Church at 1420 Alberni Hwy, Parksville, to provide temporary relief from the colder overnight temperatures for those who need a place to go.

The warming centre will be open the following dates and times:

- Sunday, February 2 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Monday, February 3 from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 4, from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

RDN Transit will provide shuttle service to the warming centre on:

- Sunday from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., with return trips Monday morning from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.
- Monday from 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m., with return trips Tuesday morning from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
- Tuesday from 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m., with return trips Wednesday morning from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

The shuttle route is Parksville City Hall - Salvation Army - Oceanside Health Centre - Oceanside Community Church. Multiple round trips will be provided during shuttle service.

The capacity of the warming centre is up to 30 people at a time. There will be snacks, warm beverages, blankets and warm clothing available to those using the warming centre. Outreach workers will also be out in the community to provide blankets and hot liquids to those experiencing homelessness.

Extreme cold weather warming centres are funded by the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness as time-limited, temporary warming centre spaces during extreme cold weather for those who need a warm place to go. Cold temperatures put vulnerable populations at risk, particularly people experiencing homelessness. Residents are encouraged to check on neighbours and loved ones who are vulnerable during a cold-weather event.

For information on emergency shelters, day-use spaces and emergency food providers in the RDN, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-shelter. For more information about shelter availability, please contact 211 British Columbia by dialing or texting 2-1-1, or visit bc.211.ca.

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