

Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health's Drop-In Centre Will Continue Operating Seven Days A Week

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville confirmed funding for the Centre's expanded hours until March 31, 2025

June 4, 2024 – The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) has extended temporary funding to keep the Lanark Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health's Drop-In Centre open seven days a week from 8 am to 4 pm until March 31, 2025. The expanded hours were put in place originally from December 2023 until March 2024 to provide clients with greater access in the winter.

Matt Wren, Mayor, City of Brockville, said: "We recognize the invaluable impact of the Lanark, Leeds Grenville Addictions and Mental Health's Drop-In Centre in our community. This program serves as a beacon of hope, offering vital support and resources to individuals, especially those who are unhoused. Its continuation will provide important amenities to individuals who have come to rely on the support provided."

The Drop-In Centre offers Brockville clients a safe, warm, and welcoming place to access basic needs such as laundry and shower facilities and cellphone charging. At the Centre, the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health (LLGAMH) Team also allows clients to participate in recreational programming such as arts and crafts, board games, cards, trivia, and group sessions, including harm reduction and therapy. The Drop-In Centre re-opened after the COVID-19 closure in January 2023, operating every Monday to Friday from 1 to 4 pm (before the expanded hours).

Domenic Ielo, CEO, LLGAMH, shared: "We are immensely grateful to our UCLG partners for recognizing the importance of continuing to offer our clients full access to the Drop-In Centre. These expanded hours fill a service gap in our community, ensuring everyone has access to a safe, supportive place to go during the day to meet their basic needs, engage in meaningful activities and participate in programming to help them achieve their goals."

For clients who are unhoused, the Drop-In Centre located at 25 Front Avenue West, South Entrance in Brockville, provides transportation to the Cooperative Care Centre (the nighttime warming centre, which is open from 4 pm to 8 am).

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