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Dryden Youth Centre Returns

Youth ages 11-16 in Dryden will have a Youth Centre again, thanks largely to the Kenora District Services Board, City of Dryden, and the Dryden and Area Community Well-Being Committee. The Dryden Youth Centre (DYC) aims to provide a safe, dedicated space for youth to foster opportunities for positive engagement, mentorship, and community connectedness. The DYC is located at 113 Albert Street on the upstairs level of the Dryden Children's Resource Centre.

The DYC will be hosting a meet and greet adhering to COVID-19 restrictions on Thursday, July 22, 2021, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm outside of the Dryden Children's Resources Centre, 113 Albert Street. Youth ages 11-16 are encouraged to attend. A COVID-19 screening process will be in place upon arrival, and there will be access to washroom facilities where masks or face coverings will be mandatory.

Hannah Psutka is the Dryden Youth Centre Facilitator. "I look forward to meeting the youth participating in future activities at the Dryden Youth Centre. I am excited to get to know them all so that we can tailor the programming and events moving forward to suit their needs and interests."

"The partners involved with the Dryden Youth Centre are pleased to be able to offer a place for our young people to drop in and participate in a variety of barrier-free, supervised activities. We hope that many young people in the community take part in the various programming that will be offered in this safe and inclusive environment," says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB.

"I am pleased to see the Youth Centre again opening its doors to area youth. This pandemic has been a long, difficult journey for many, including our youth. Having this safe space and programming will help our return to normal as well as contributing to our overall community safety and well-being," says Roger Nesbitt, Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Dryden.

The Dryden Youth Centre will operate over for the remainder of 2021 and into May 2022. The KDSB, in partnership with the City of Dryden and the Dryden and Area Community Well-Being Committee, are actively seeking additional long-term and sustainable funding.

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Find out what is happening at the Dryden Youth Centre on the following socials:

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