



Media Advisory
From the
City of Dryden Emergency Control Group

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Today Mayor Nuttall terminated the emergency declaration set in place on July 18th, 2011 to support the evacuees from Cat Lake and Koocheching First Nation. “On behalf of the Council of the City of Dryden, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in hosting Cat Lake and Koocheching First Nations. This was a very difficult time for these communities and I am proud of the way our City staff and volunteers rose to the challenge of not only accommodating the evacuees but also making them feel welcome and comfortable while they were staying with us.”

City of Dryden Emergency Operation Officer Linda McNaughton said “The City of Dryden hosted a total of 179 evacuees from Cat Lake and Koocheching First Nations for more than 12 days. The Dryden Airport was also used as a transit hub for the return of more than 847 evacuees to Kingfisher Lake, Deer Lake and Wawakepewin. I am very proud of all the employees, volunteers, partners and the community as a whole for all the hard work, long hours and great support received during the past 18 days. Our guests from Cat Lake and Koocheching were very appreciative of the City of Dryden and its citizens for coming to their aid at a very difficult time. A big thank you goes out to the Keewatin Patricia District School Board for the use of 2 schools and all the resources we could possibly imagine, the Red Cross for registrations and hosting accommodations, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Trans Canada Restaurant, Kupper’s Restaurant, Subway and Tim Horton’s for all the great food, Dryden Family Health Team, Hutchison Bus Lines, George’s Taxi, Gould’s Furniture for the freezers filled with freezies for the kids, and many other individuals.”

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