

Calgarians offer new office options to Inn from the Cold

Calgary – Inn from the Cold has several new office options to consider after going public with its office space crisis on March 1, 2006. Several Calgarians have contacted the Inn with offers of potential space. The not-for-profit organization, which must leave its current premises at 117 – 7th Avenue SW on March 15, 2006 due to a massive renovation, was finding it extremely difficult to find suitable space in the hot Calgary real estate market.

“At this time last week, we had exhausted all of our possibilities,” says Eric Mailloux, Inn from the Cold President. “We notified the media of our dilemma and they were extremely supportive in helping us get the word out. As a result of this exceptional coverage, we have several new spaces to view that may potentially suit our needs.”

Mailloux adds that once again, Calgarians have come through in a big way to help. Since the story broke last Wednesday, the Inn office has received over 20 calls about potential office space.

“Not all the space that is offered will meet our needs. We have unique requirements that include staying in the downtown core so that we can be near other social agencies and easily accessible by transit,” says Mailloux. “However, it is incredible that so many people have stepped forward with suggestions and options.”

The Inn staff and Board are reviewing the various options as quickly as possible and are guardedly optimistic that a deal will come through before the March 15 deadline. In the event that there is a discrepancy in timing, a temporary back-up plan will be announced.

Inn from the Cold provides emergency shelter and other programs to homeless families and others in need. It is the only place in Calgary these families can go and stay together. For more information, visit www.innfromthecold.org.