**MEDIA RELEASE**

*Overnight warming centre established at the  QPlex*

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  QUISPAMSIS – The Town of Quispamsis is establishing a temporary warming centre at the qplex to assist residents who remain without electricity in the wake of Thursday’s storm.

  The centre, which will be staffed by trained volunteers from the Canadian Red Cross, will be open from 7 p.m. today until 5 p.m. Saturday.  It will be located in the Moosehead Breweries Conference Centre at the qplex.  Pets are not permitted.

  “This centre is open to anyone without power who needs a place to go in the cold weather,” said Bill Lawlor, director of disaster management for the Red Cross in New Brunswick.  “We will offer a warm place to sleep and light refreshments.”

  Residents are also encouraged to bring their own drinking containers to the qplex where they can be filled with fresh water.

  As of 2:15 p.m., NB Power was reporting about 4000 customers remained without electricity in the Kennebecasis Valley area.  If power is not fully restored on Saturday, the centre may be kept open until Sunday.