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## **Mayor Ortt Announces New Location For Youth Center at Grant School**

NORTH TONAWANDA—City of North Tonawanda Mayor Robert G. Ortt today has announced that a “Grand Opening” ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM for the opening of the City Youth Center at its new location at Grant School. Mayor Ortt and School Superintendent Gregory Woytila have continued their partnership by holding meetings over the past two years to benefit the residents of North Tonawanda by looking at ways to share resources and services.

Mayor Ortt stated, “This move will be better for the children who utilize the Center, and it will save City taxpayers \$15,000 from what we were previously paying. This is a perfect example of two public entities working together to save tax dollars. My thanks to the School Board and Superintendent Woytila for working with the City to benefit our children and our taxpayers.”

School Superintendent Woytila stated, “I am happy that the City and the school have been working together to find ways to reduce taxes for the community. This latest project where we were able to move the youth center into the old Grant Elementary Building was a win-win. It saved the City money, and gave the children a safe building to use as the youth center.”

“Having bi- monthly meetings with the city and school have helped both entity's better understand how each other works. We hope to collaborate on more projects that will benefit the community in the near future,” stated Woytila.

School Board President Frank DiBernardo stated, " We have been working with the City of North Tonawanda and the Mayor's office on combining services, and this is another positive example of utilizing assets to save the community dollars (\$15K+). This agreement will allow the City to continue offering the youth center and all its programs at a significant savings. Any chance to save finances for the community will be looked at while maintaining services between both the City and school district."

Light refreshments and snacks will be available following the ceremony.

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