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Thought this may be of interest to anyone involved in the planning for the new LV Youth Centre. Please forward on. Thanks Dave Sadler

Maple Ridge Opens Youth Centre

Following an official opening on Saturday, October 13th, the City of Maple Ridge Youth Outreach Initiative opened the doors of the brand new Greg Moore Youth Centre on Monday for its first drop-in session. According to the Maple Ridge News, close to three hundred teens were present for the event.

The 15,000 square-foot facility offers several activities for youth including skateboarding, in-line skating, pool tables, air hockey and foosball. A lounge area is also available and a newly installed climbing wall will open as soon as staff are trained to operate it. While the centre is currently only open during the evenings, it is accessible during the days by youth-oriented organizations or youth who need a quiet work space or use of a computer. Speaking to the Maple Ridge News, Tony Cotroneo, coordinator of the Youth Outreach Initiative, said centre staff have been "deluged" with enquiries from local teachers expressing an interest in touring the facilities with their students or making appointments to use the facility during the days.

The new municipal facility also houses the Iron Horse Youth Health Clinic which provides services such as Planned Parenthood, drug an alcohol counselling, an HIV-AIDS educator, as well as a nurse and doctor. Future plans for the centre include expanded hours, the introduction of visitor passes in November and possible separate sessions for pre-teens.

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