



26 April, 2011

Thank you for being a part of the Y, particularly at this exciting time as we prepare to move to the new Ches Penney Family Y at 35 Ridge Road in St. John's.

The new Y is a project that began as a dream over six years ago. The steady work of our staff and volunteers, Board of Directors, partners, funders, and donors will bring us to another milestone in the history of our Association when the doors of the new Y open.

In 2009, the building at 34 New Cove Road was sold to Killick Capital. The Y, along with MAX, became a tenant. For the past two years, as tenants, Y membership has grown and the Y child care centre has remained at capacity as the new Y was being built. Throughout this time, the Y's relationship with Killick Capital has been excellent. The sale of the building helped fund construction of the new Y.

The Y's initial lease at 34 New Cove Road was until 31 March, 2011. As the construction schedule for the new Y became more clear, Killick Capital extended the Y's lease to 31 May, 2011.

N.D. Dobbin Group - our general contractor, the Y, and Sheppard/Case Architects - our prime consultants, meet regularly to manage the new Y project. Our staff have been planning for the opening for almost two years. We have all been working towards a 1 June, 2011 opening for the Ches Penney Family Y.

On 1 June, 2011, Killick Capital will begin a long-planned renovation of 34 New Cove Road. Both Killick Capital and the Y had hoped this could be timed with the opening of the new building. Killick Capital recently advised us that this is not possible.

As sometimes happens with new construction, the general contractor advises we will not have an occupancy permit from the City of St. John's for the new Y until the **last week of June, 2011**. The reasons for this are largely weather related – site work, soil compaction, and parking lot paving are difficult in cold, wet conditions.

Here is what we know right now:

- the last day for **member access** at 34 New Cove Road will be **31 May, 2011**, there will be a gap in service of about 3-4 weeks
- **current members will auto-transfer to the new Y**, monthly fees will be pro-rated so there will be no charge for any gap in service, the discounted building fund fee of \$25./adult (usually \$75./adult) will not be charged until the new Y opens, current members will be able to access the **Mount Pearl Y for no charge**, and current adult members will receive **two weeks free access to membership plus change rooms** starting the day we open as a gesture of goodwill, **the \$25 cancellation fee will be waived until 31 May, 2011**, cancellations for the 1 May, 2011 payment will be accepted up to 30 April, 2011
- we are working with Killick Capital and the City of St. John's to continue to have occupancy of **the child care centre** at 34 New Cove Road **extended into June, 2011 as long as possible** and the potential for alternate locations is being explored, **we will be able to communicate this by mid-May**
- join us for our **closing celebration 31 May, 2011** throughout the day, and then join us at the new Y for **opening celebrations and a special open house just for current members a few weeks later!**

We know this is not ideal and thank everyone in advance for their patience and understanding.

Please talk with our staff at the Membership Sales and Service desk or contact Jason Brown, CEO at 726-9622 ext 241 or Sherry Squires, Director of Operations at 754-2960 ext 37 if you have any questions.

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