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Y CEO moving to Niagara Region after campaign and opening new Y in Northeast Avalon

St. John's, NL – YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon CEO Jason Brown has recently accepted the position of CEO of the YMCA of Niagara Region in Ontario.

Jason will be moving by August after the new Ches Penney Family Y opens, the ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled for 30 June 2011.

"Our five and half years in Newfoundland and Labrador has been wonderful. It has been a true privilege to work with staff, volunteers, partners, and donors to make the new Y a reality. The new Y will serve thousands of people in needed health, child care, and employment programs for generations," says Brown, who moved to St. John's from Collingwood, ON in 2005.

The new Y has been under construction at the corner of Ridge Road and Higgins Line since 2009, and the campaign now nearing completion has been underway since 2007.

The Y recently announced the old location is closing 31 May 2011 in preparation for opening the new location soon after.

According to Sharon Sparkes, Y Board Chair, "Jason has given outstanding leadership to our Y and, once the new Y is open, I'm sure will do the same for people in Niagara Region. We certainly thank Jason and wish him and his family well as they embark on another chapter, and we look forward to starting immediately the process to hire a new CEO."

The YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon is a charity offering programs at 25 locations with a staff of over 200. The Y has been part of life in Newfoundland and Labrador since 1854.

The YMCA of Niagara Region offers programs at 150 locations with a staff of 1200.

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