



YMCA-YWCA OF NORTHEAST AVALON

**MEDIA ADVISORY
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Ribbon cutting ceremony kicks off preview week at the Ches Penney Family Y set for Monday 11 July, 2011 at 12 noon – see you at the new Y!

St. John's, NL – the Y is holding a special donor and media event at 12 noon 11 July, 2011 at the new Ches Penney Family Y, 35 Ridge Road.

Over the past few years the Y has acquired 4.55 acres from the City of St. John's and the Pippy Park Commission; hired Sheppard Case Architects as the prime consultant for the project; received confirmation of \$4.94 million from municipal, provincial, and federal governments; raised more than \$3.4million with the Y Strong Families Campaign; and sold the former Y at 34 New Cove Road. The general contractor, ND Dobbin group, started construction in July, 2009.

The ribbon cutting ceremony kicks off “preview week” with additional events scheduled for staff, volunteers, current members and families, and neighbourhood residents. Finishing touches on construction will also be completed over the week with a public opening on 15 July, 2011 followed by opening the aquatics centre later in the summer.

At approximately 50,000 sq ft, the facility includes an aquatics centre, change rooms, employment and enterprise centre, child care centre, gymnasium, offices, and community space.

The YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon is a charity offering programs in health, employment and child care since 1854. Every year, over 14,000 people take part in Y programs in our communities.

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