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**Y announces location at 34 New Cove Road closing at the end of May  
in preparation for opening the new Y**

**St. John's, NL** - The YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon announced this week that, after 32 years, the location at 34 New Cove Road is closing on 31 May 2011.

The new Ches Penney Family Y will open within weeks; the ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled for 30 June 2011.

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.

Y CEO Jason Brown says, "the new Y will serve thousands of people in needed health, child care, and employment programs for generations," and adds, "we have been planning the opening for the new Y for years, and we're pleased our landlord at 34 New Cove Road worked with us to stay there as long as possible while we got the new building built."

The Y sold the location at 34 New Cove Road in 2009 to Killick Capital and has been a tenant for the past two years. The sale of the building helped finance construction of the new Y.

The Y will have a closing celebration on the last day in the old building and will be communicating with members and families throughout the months of May and June.

"For the past several days we have been communicating in person, by e-mail, on Facebook, and by mail with staff, volunteers, members, and families. Current members have the option to auto-transfer to the new Y, and we look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces there when we open," says Sherry Squires, Y Director of Operations.

The Y will know by mid-May if the closure will also affect the licensed child care centre at 34 New Cove Road.

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

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