



**YMCA of
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Town of Marystown and YMCA Host Grand Opening for new Marystown YMCA

Marystown, NL Today, the Town of Marystown and the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador hosted a Grand Opening event for the new Marystown YMCA. The building is owned by the Town and operated by the YMCA under 20 year renewable agreements. The project was funded by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), the Provincial Government, and the Town.

The Hon. Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and MP for Bonavista-Burin-Trinity spoke at the event, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency: “Congratulations to the Town of Marystown and the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador on the grand opening of this exceptional facility which is an excellent example of community collaboration and partnership. Our Government understands that Canada’s success comes from its strong communities and the talented people who live, work and serve in them every day.”

The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs: “Promoting healthy, active living is a priority for our government. This facility will create new recreational and wellness opportunities for people of all ages, throughout the Burin Peninsula, and I congratulate all those here in the community who worked hard to see this project come to fruition.”

From the stage, Mayor Sam Synard said “the Town is very pleased to be working with the YMCA for the long term, and the Marystown YMCA is already an important part of our community and has hired 35 new full time and part time employees.”

According to YMCA CEO Jason Brown “this is the first permanent YMCA presence on the Burin Peninsula, and we already have 1,000 more members than we thought we would at this stage.”

The YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador recently successfully completed a \$20 million project in St. John’s and is also working on a similar facility with the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

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