



**YMCA-YWCA OF NORTHEAST AVALON
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Ches Penney Family Y opening delayed until next week; still some work to do

St. John's, NL - Today, ND Dobbin Group, the general contractor building the new Ches Penney Family Y, requested an additional week to complete the work needed to open for access to the public.

The request followed a very positive inspection by the City of St. John's that also showed there was some additional work to do to achieve occupancy.

"We're disappointed," says Craig Rowe, Y Project Committee Chair, "we had a wonderful ribbon cutting earlier this week followed by a series of preview tours, and I know Y members and the community will be disappointed by this too."

The new Y was scheduled to open for programs on [15 July, 2011](#). The licensed child care centre opened earlier this week.

"Of course we're disappointed, but we know the people at ND Dobbin and trust them as friends of the Y," says CEO Jason Brown, "we know they will make the necessary corrections for us to be able to open next week. The very good news is our pre-sales office is open 8am-8pm everyday until the public opening, and [today](#) we had more than 20 new people join."

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 \$3.4 million with the Y Strong Families Campaign; and sold the former Y at 34 New Cove Road. N.D Dobbin Group, the general contractor, started construction in July, 2009.

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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