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### **Town of Marystown and YMCA sign agreements for Marystown Recreation Centre**

Marystown, NL The Town of Marystown and the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador are pleased to announce an agreement has been reached for the YMCA to deliver programs at the new Marystown Recreation Centre. Both Town Council and the YMCA Board of Directors have approved twenty year renewable agreements.

“The Town is very pleased to be working with the YMCA for the long term. The Town and the YMCA will review the agreement regularly for the first five years to ensure the relationship is as strong as possible. The YMCA works in partnership with municipalities across the country and the Marystown YMCA will be an important part of our community,” says Mayor Synard.

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.

Under the agreement, the Town will remain the owner of the facility and the YMCA will operate any aquatics, gymnasium, exercise, or day camp programs. The YMCA will be hiring up to 35 full time and part time employees and will start to equip the facility and train staff as soon as construction is finished in anticipation of opening early in the new year.

“The YMCA is delighted to be entering into these agreements. Marystown is a terrific community, and we are proud to soon be opening the Marystown YMCA,” says YMCA CEO Jason Brown. “This will be the first permanent YMCA presence on the Burin Peninsula.”

According to Mayor Synard, “this is a great day for the people of Marystown, and we look forward to many years working in this great partnership.”

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