

Newsletter



YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon UPDATE - New St. John's Family Y

Building Concept Approved

After finalizing the arrangements for the Y to take ownership of 4.55 acres at the corner of Ridge Road and Higgins Line in Pippy Park, another milestone has been reached in the new St. John's Family Y project. We are excited to present these building concept drawings recently approved by the Board of Directors. We are confident this building is the tool that will allow us to do so much more in our core programs of health, employment, and child care.

These concepts are the result of the excellent work of the staff and volunteers on the building committee who toured a number of new Ys across the country. Our architects at Sheppard/Case have done a great job, and the extensive consultations with members and the community have been very helpful to the process. At this point, we anticipate some site work could begin in the fall of 2008 with construction starting spring 2009.

These concepts show a building with lots of glass for natural light, natural materials, efficient design, beautiful views, landscaped grounds, and superb program space to involve more people in the Y:

- a large public lobby and atrium with a cafe, aquatics viewing area, and terrific views
- 60 space licensed child care centre
- employment and enterprise centre
- 5 change rooms - 2 general, 2 adult only, and 1 family/special needs
- aquatics centre with 20m main pool, variable depth play pool, and whirlpool
- large gymnasium with elevated running track
- large strength and conditioning centre with studio space and courts
- space for offices, meetings, and community use

The volunteers of our Y Strong Families Campaign Cabinet and fundraising, communications, and building committees have been working very hard on a variety of important projects.

Our inner family campaign has been a great success with 100% participation by the Board of Directors, committee members, and senior staff. We continue to engage more staff and volunteers as they become part of our Y and their participation in the campaign is growing! We are approaching our goal of \$200,000.00 and have also received two major gifts totalling \$300,000.00. The City of St. John's has confirmed a gift of \$1.5 million, and we are hopeful the provincial and federal governments will soon make funding announcements.

The campaign case book and video are being well received, and special events are being planned for later in the campaign.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed so much to our project so far and we look forward to continued and growing contributions as we keep working!

Thank you for being a part of the Y.

Craig Rowe, Board Chair and
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Concept site plan - new St. John's Family Y
Ridge Road and Higgins Line.

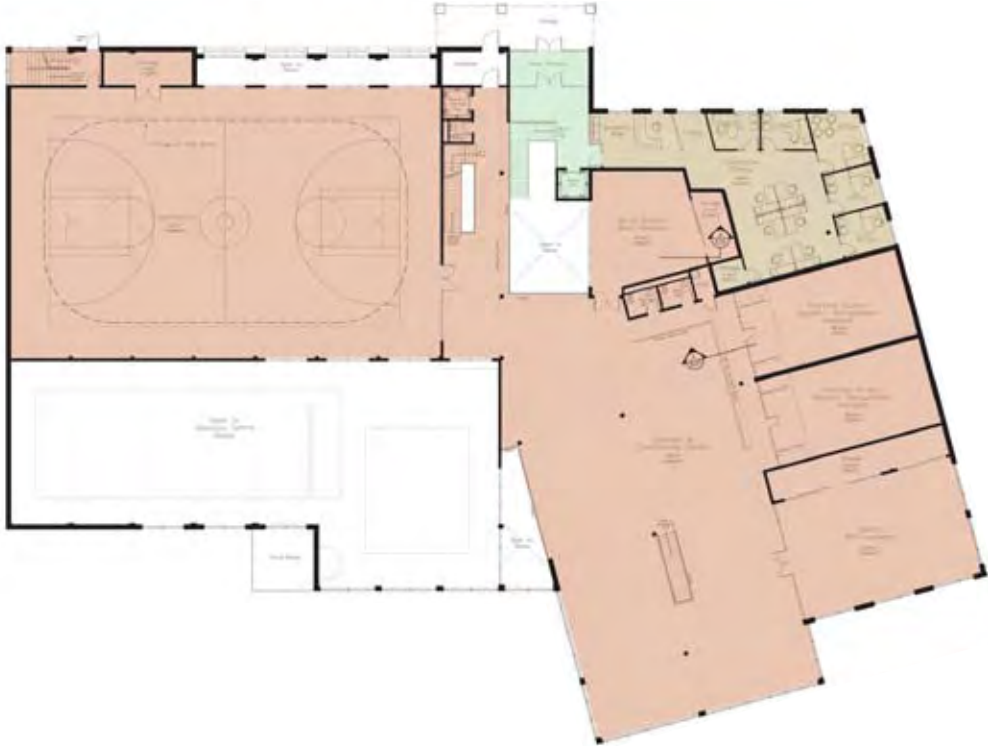


Artist's building concept - new St. John's Family Y

Concept Floor Plans



	PUBLIC AREAS		CHANGEROOMS		EMPLOYMENT & ENTERPRISE CENTRE
	MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE		AQUATICS CENTRE		CHILDCARE CENTRE
	OFFICE AREAS		FITNESS & RECREATION AREAS		



Exterior Elevations



West Elevation - Building Concept Sketch



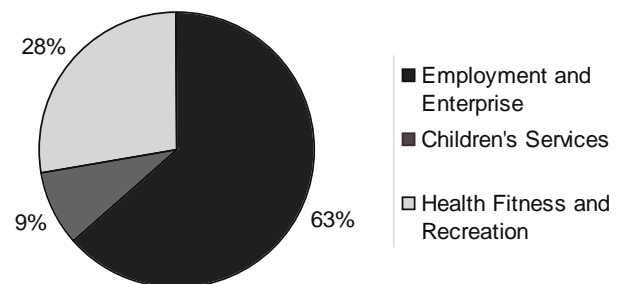
East Elevation - Building Concept Sketch



South Elevation - Building Concept Sketch

Did You Know...

- The Y is one of the oldest charities in Newfoundland and Labrador and was one of the first Ys in the world when it was first established in 1854?
- As the largest provider of child care in the province, the Y serves more than 600 families?
- The Y invented basketball, volleyball, summer camp, group exercise, swim lessons, and was one of the first providers of child care?
- In 2006/2007 we helped over 1000 people find work or become self employed?
- We have helped start over 70 businesses still in operation on the Northeast Avalon?
- Programs have grown so much at 34 New Cove Road that the Association's corporate offices have had to move out to make more space for programs?
- The Y operates programs at 30 locations on the Northeast Avalon and our Association involved over 14,000 people last year?
- Our activities at 34 New Cove Road represents about 20% of the activities of our Association?
- The current St. John's Y at 34 New Cove Road, nearly 30 years old, requires re-investment and expansion, but at 2.6 acres our property is too small?
- The current St. John's Y is one of the only Ys in Canada without an aquatics centre?
- Our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers have already pledged nearly \$200,000.00 to the new Y?
- Every year the Y financial assistance program helps hundreds of individuals and families become part of the Y?
- In 2006/2007 the Y provided over \$80,000 in financial assistance to help people participate?



Participants in 2006 / 2007



Strong Families Campaign



Thank you to the City of St. John's for the generous support of \$1.5 Million to help build the new St. John's Family Y and a special thank you to Pippy Park.

Inner Family - Pledges & Gifts

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| Anonymous (7) | Sharon Horan |
| Maria Afonso, Steve Mercer & Family | Brian & Marie Hurley |
| Scott Andrews | Shaun Jackman |
| Shelley Baker | Wanda King |
| Spencer Bridger | Livyer Enterprises Inc. |
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| Ranjini Hoover | Cathy Williams |
| | Jean Wilson |
| | In memory of Joan Northover |



Ian Pippy, outgoing Chairperson of the Pippy Park Commission, and Craig Rowe, Y Board Chair and Y Strong Families Campaign Chair, stand at the site for the new St. John's Family Y. A special thank you is extended to Ian for his role in helping the Y work with the Commission and the City of St. John's to acquire the land for the new facility which he says will add many more opportunities for the Park's users.



Jason Brown, CEO, presents Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, with a gift in recognition of her generous donation of \$200,000 to the Y Strong Families Campaign to help build the new St. John's Family Y.



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**Caring - Honesty - Responsibility
Respect - Health - Inclusiveness**

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