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Marystown, NL – the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador is experiencing a shortage of lifeguards at the Marystown YMCA operating at the Marystown Recreation Complex. This has led to a temporary reduction in operating hours for the Marystown YMCA pools.

The YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador has a long-term agreement with the Town of Marystown to operate the facility.

“Lifeguard shortages are being experienced across the country and, unfortunately, this is presently the case in our Marystown operation. We know there have been labour shortages in Marystown and on the Burin Peninsula for some time even before the pandemic; the situation is now even more acute. We regret what we hope is a short-term disruption to our services. I spoke with Mayor Keating this afternoon and sincerely appreciate our relationship with the Town of Marystown and the Town’s efforts to assist in spreading the word to recruit more lifeguards,” says Jason Brown, CEO of the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Actions the YMCA is taking:

- Posting and re-posting job ads on social media and with job posting services
- Budgeting to increase the wages paid to lifeguards
- Reviewing benefits and matched pension contributions available to lifeguards
- Offering free National Lifeguard training to individuals who have their Bronze Cross
- Scheduling free Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross courses as a pathway to lifeguard certification

YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador appreciates the patience and support of our members, community, and the Town as we work to resolve the issue.

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