



YMCA CHILD CARE IN BONAVIDA - UPDATE

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Bonavista, NL - YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador is developing a 40-space regulated child care centre in Bonavista. The centre, to be located at Matthew Elementary School, will be made up of three classrooms; two multi-age classrooms, and one Pre-K classroom.

Capacity funding has been received from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and design work has already commenced. Once design is complete, construction estimates will be done to secure a funding agreement to award the construction contract. After construction, the space can be equipped and licensed, then staffed, and then opened.

"The need for child care in Bonavista is clear. Ideally, we will be able to open the child care centre in the fall of 2023. There are several steps and approvals involved, we will keep the community up to date on our progress," says Jason Brown, CEO of the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador.

"For years, through Tip-A-Vista Wellness Foundation and the Town of Bonavista, significant research, polling, and advocacy was done surrounding child care. The Town of Bonavista is now thrilled to confirm that regulated child care for our community and region will be a reality very soon. Now that the YMCA of Newfoundland Labrador has provincial government capacity funding in place, we can move forward and finish off this year with child care available for all who need it!" says John Norman, Mayor of Bonavista and Chief Operations Officer for Bonavista Living.

Background:

About the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador

The YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador is a charity, open to everyone at all stages of life that provides opportunities to grow in spirit, mind, and body. Our vision is a province of vibrant and healthy communities where everyone can belong, grow, and thrive.

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