



## YMCA NL CHILD CARE IN BONAVIDA - UPDATE

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**Bonavista, NL** - YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador is collaborating with the Provincial Government on two projects for the development of regulated child care spaces for the Town of Bonavista and surrounding areas.

At Matthew Elementary there are 20 Pre-K child care spaces opening soon. Pre-K is designed for children (ages 3 years, 8 months – 5 years, 9 months) to attend for the year prior to their entry into Kindergarten. **The Pre-K waitlist registration process is now open for parents to sign their children up and can accessed at the link below.** Waitlists will remain open for all upcoming years with ongoing intake, so you may add your child's name for future years.

More details may be found here: <https://ymcanl.com/pre-kindergarten-program/>

The recent announcement by Premier Furey about Improving Access to Early Learning and Child Care for Health Care Professionals included three new locations. These sites are to be located in St. John's, Bonavista, and Corner Brook. They are currently under development and will be operated by the YMCA. In Bonavista, the centre will be located at Discovery Collegiate.

We are working diligently to open these new centres as quickly as possible. Details on the number of spaces, waiting list registration, and opening dates will follow. More information will become available and will be posted on our website and social media pages, once the licensing process has been completed. Licensing is contingent on the completion of several steps and approvals, and most importantly, on the availability of ECEs to fill the roles needed to operate.

More details may be found here: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2023/exec/1116n04/>

"The YMCA is delighted to be working with the province to bring new regulated child care spaces to Bonavista. We look forward to serving the community for years to come."

- Jason Brown, CEO, YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador

"On behalf of the Bonavista Town Council, we are thrilled to see the development of both pre-K and early child care secured for our community. Through strong lobby and advocacy work, our council has been working closely with our provincial government and the YMCA of NL to see this day come, where regulated child care is offered to our citizens. This announcement highlights yet again, the growth of the Bonavista area and the need for greater services to



maintain and attract families that are adding to our community and our economy. Onward and upward Bonavista!”

- John Norman, Mayor, Bonavista

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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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