



YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia

Fundy YMCA

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Dear Members, Visitors, and the greater community,

Since our last update from the management and Board, much has happened.

We reviewed the potential of returning to Basinview Center to offer a full- scale aquatics and dry land fitness and exercise YMCA facility. After detailed study we were unable to develop a business model that was economically sustainable and have since ended that review.

Since the eviction from Basinview we have been operating from a temporary location in the Atlantis building on Cornwallis Park. During the summer we provided kids day camp activities which were extremely successful. This performance encouraged us, when the camps completed at the end of August, to provide limited health and fitness activities in the Atlantis building. We were operating from a temporary facility with limited services; only a select amount of suitable exercise and weight room equipment could be installed. Beginning in September we have been offering fitness and weight room equipment along with fitness classes. This was charged for, on a weekly membership user basis. Despite the fact we have often sold out all available places, the strict limits on capacity have limited our ability to expand our offerings to a wider user base. The outcome has been negative to bottom line performance. With ongoing losses and no prospect to change this, difficult decisions had to be made.

Effective Friday December 3rd all exercise and fitness activities will cease at the Fundy YMCA. This will not affect our afterschool programs at Clark Rutherford Memorial School and Champlain Elementary School.

We will be focusing our efforts on growing our afterschool, childcare programs, and community outreach. Childcare has always been a core service provided by YMCA throughout the country and with the anticipated growth in the sector in Nova Scotia we will focus on expanding in this region.

The Fundy YMCA has been in our communities for nearly 10 years and has contributed to both the vibrancy and wellness of the people it has served. The YMCA holds a special place in the hearts of many. To all the YMCA employees and volunteers, past and present, as well as members, participants, and supporters, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support.

Our future Y may look different than it does today, however our commitment to this community is as strong today as it has ever been. Thank you for your ongoing support as we move forward together, to create a stronger and healthier community.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Garner
Chairman of the board
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