



Yarmouth County Community Health Board
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Warden Danny Muise
Councillors of the Municipality of the District of Argyle (MODA)
Alain Muise, CAO
Municipality of the District of Argyle
27 Courthouse Road
Tusket, Nova Scotia
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Re: Permanent closure of the Yarmouth YMCA

Dear Warden Danny Muise, Councillors of the MODA and Mr. Alain Muise, CAO,

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Yarmouth County Community Health Board (YCCHB) regarding the recent announcement by the Board of the Yarmouth YMCA that the facility will be permanently closed.

With access to recreation and wellness programs as one of our health plan priorities, we believe the closure of the 'Y' will have a ripple effect in our communities that will impact many residents and the overall health of the local area. Now, maybe more than ever, people need a friendly and safe place to grow, work, and play. The 'Y' has been that place for many residents of all ages in Yarmouth County.

Despite the current situation, we have been encouraged by the outpouring of support for the 'Y' by community members, other municipal units and provincial elected officials.

We are very pleased to learn that the Warden and Council will continue to support the 'Y' and will join ongoing efforts to engage the Provincial and Federal Government to help reduce the financial burden.

We hope that the MODA will also continue to advocate for a long-term solution. Yarmouth County residents deserve a recreation facility like so many other communities in our province already enjoy.

We are advocating strongly for a resolution to this issue by contacting our local politicians at all levels.

We welcome any opportunity to discuss this further and can be reached at 902.740.1338 or by email.

Sincerely,

Clyde deViller for Brian Doucet and Belinda Conrad, Co-Chairs
Yarmouth County Community Health Board

