

YMCA GOES TO ANNAPOLIS AND DIGBY COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR INPUT

Annapolis County, Nova Scotia (April 26, 2010) – Excitement continues to build as the YMCA proceeds with their feasibility study to determine the viability of locating to Cornwallis Park. The phone survey has commenced and a series of interviews involving community leaders has taken place.

“The information gathered through the YMCA’s endeavours to connect with the residents in Annapolis and Digby Counties will assist in determining the program model that will meet the needs of area residents and therefore increase the likelihood of success,” said Annapolis County Warden Peter Newton. “We (Council) are hopeful that the YMCA will locate to our community if we are open and supportive of their efforts, and provide them with the data they need to make an informative and realistic determination of the facility’s viability.”

On April 12th, the phone survey commenced. Margaret Kay-Arora, YMCA Canada, says it is going well and according to plan. It was expected to take about two-weeks to complete.

A series of interviews involving over 50 key community leaders took place April 6th-9th, at the wellness centre in Cornwallis Park. “All interviews for the Capital Campaign Feasibility and Cultivation Study went very well and the study report will be complete within a couple of weeks. The facility design has been completed and highlights the fact that this facility can become a YMCA that will serve the needs of the community,” said Kay-Arora.

“Our goal still remains the same - to join forces with the YMCA,” said Warden Newton. “We all share a common interest in ensuring accessible, high quality programming, while maintaining reasonable participation rates and costs to taxpayers.”

A public meeting will be scheduled upon the completion of the studies. It is anticipated this will be in June.

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