

# BUILDING *Our* NEW

## *for a healthier Chatham-Kent*



### Introducing our Campaign Director – Siobhan Macleod Tremblay

We are pleased to announce the hiring of a new Campaign Director for the Facility Project in Chatham. Please join us in welcoming Siobhan Macleod Tremblay to her new position as Campaign Director. Siobhan will be responsible for managing the day to day progress of our upcoming capital campaign to raise funds for our new facility. Siobhan brings a wealth of experience to the position, and most recently completed a contract position with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent Cultural Centre as a Marketing Project Officer. Siobhan lives in Chatham, and is married to Ken Tremblay, the CEO of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance



### Location Announced

The YMCA is excited to announce that we have signed an offer to purchase a property on Grand Avenue West, site of the former Thamesview Lodge. The Grand Avenue site is a central location. Its proximity to the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, local community services, as well as the skateboard park, and community soccer

fields make this site ideal! This location is ready for development now, ensuring our project is able to proceed according to our timeline, which forecasts opening the doors in December, 2010. The YMCA informed municipal council of this decision on November 3rd, 2008.

### “Building Our New Y” Architects Announced

The YMCA of Chatham-Kent is pleased to announce the selection of architects Tillmann Ruth Mocellin to design the new YMCA for Chatham-Kent. The YMCA evaluated proposals for architectural services from four firms and the decision to go with Tillman Ruth Mocellin was based on their experience in designing full service YMCAs, the most competitive proposed fee, demonstrated experience in green design and a commitment to a construction process that invites and supports local participation. “The experience and capability of this firm was central to the YMCA’s decision to award them the contract for architectural services” says Jim Janzen, YMCA CEO. Tillmann Ruth Mocellin’s experience with past projects at the YMCA Goderich-Huron Maitland Recreation Centre, the London YMCA Centre Branch, the Peterborough YMCA and the YMCA of Quinte West is proof of their capability.”



(YMCA of Goderich - Huron - Opened 2003)

### Volunteer Campaign Leadership Recruited

The Project Office is very excited to introduce our Volunteer Campaign Leadership Team. Rocky and Ginette Gaudrault have agreed to be our Campaign Co-Chairs. Rocky is co-owner of TekSavvy Solutions Inc. Ginette is a school teacher, teaching in Tilbury. Rocky and Ginette have two children, Melissa and Matt. “When Ginette and I were



approached to chair this campaign we couldn’t help but say yes! It was the right thing to do and the right time to do it in our minds! In order to deliver on the promise of building stronger kids, families and a healthier community, a new YMCA is needed, and the time is now to get involved” stated Mr. Gaudrault.

We are also excited to announce that Darcy McKeough will serve as Honourary Chair of the Campaign. Mr. McKeough won a seat in the Ontario legislature representing Chatham—Kent in 1963. He served as Minister of Municipal Affairs in the government of John Robarts and was Minister of Energy and then Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs in the government of William Davis. He left politics in 1978 to enter the private sector and has had a number of positions, particularly in the energy sector. “The Y has been a very large asset for Chatham and Kent and with a new facility it will be able to do an even better job serving many more people, young and old. Nearly 50 years ago my father, Grant McKeough, was one of the founders of the Chatham Y. I served many years ago on the Board and so when I was asked to be Honourary Chair of the upcoming campaign, I accepted quickly and with enthusiasm” stated Mr. McKeough.

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