



YMCA of Moose Jaw

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MAJOR CHANGES ANNOUNCED AT THE YMCA OF MOOSE JAW

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Today we are announcing some major changes for the YMCA in Moose Jaw that will enable the YMCA to continue to provide essential services to meet the needs of the diverse communities we serve.

The first major change being announced is that subject to finalization of definitive agreements, effective July 2, 2019 the YMCA of Regina will be assuming leadership of all of the YMCA Child Care services in Moose Jaw. The YMCA is the largest provider of licensed child care in Moose Jaw, currently offering just under 250 licensed early years and school-aged child care spaces at 5 locations throughout the city.

Access to affordable, high quality child care reduces barriers for families and gives children the best start where they acquire new skills, get ready for kindergarten and learn how to make healthy choices. The YMCA of Regina will continue to be a trusted partner for parents, delivering the proven YMCA-developed early learning curriculum and national YMCA standards - ensure an enriching, safe and healthy environment for all children in our care.

Families with children enrolled in these YMCA Child Care programs will receive letters this month about continuing their child care with no disruptions - as there are no fee, program, staffing or location changes at this time. We want to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone

The second major announcement is that after 114 years of service to the Moose Jaw community, the YMCA of Moose Jaw will be winding down its remaining operations and closing the doors on two of its leased locations in Moose Jaw on June 30, 2019. Both the Fairford and Athabasca Centres will close. The YMCA of Moose Jaw is working with partners in the community on the reorganization of community programs and services.

This has been a very difficult decision for the Board of Directors and they have met with numerous stakeholders over the past few months and challenged the team to find new ways to deliver essential YMCA services to the community. As the form of delivery shifts to a regional YMCA model, our community will be able to draw upon the collective strengths and proven capabilities of the YMCA federation. Across Canada YMCAs are working together with more collaboration and agility around common goals.

Our focus throughout this journey has been to continue as many YMCA programs and services as possible, along with employment for as many staff as is possible as we wind up. We believe a YMCA presence is critical to a healthy community. In addition to the YMCA of Regina assuming operations of

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our five child care sites, their intent is to offer some Before and After School Care programs, three Early Learning Centres, and Day Camp. The YMCA of Regina will, subject to finalization of definitive agreements, also support the community by operating some of our community programs. The YMCA of Moose Jaw is also working with numerous community partners who will continue to operate many of the community programs and services. It is important to join forces (for good) to continue to ensure we can meet community needs through a different model. A list of community programs with links will be posted on our website.

The YMCA is an inclusive association of people joined together by a shared passion to foster a sense of belonging and community for all. We're proud of the community that rallied around the YMCA of Moose Jaw and want to thank all the incredible volunteers and staff that worked to create an amazing sense of community. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all our staff and volunteers, I would like to thank you for the support of the YMCA of Moose Jaw over its 114 years in operation.

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About the YMCA

The YMCA is a powerful association of people joined together by a shared passion to foster a sense of belonging for all. In an age of complex social challenges, the YMCA is steadfastly dedicated to building healthy communities by inviting and encouraging Canadians to join in, to give back, and to gain the connections, skills, and confidence they need to thrive.

The YMCA is a charity and for more than a century we've been at the heart of communities in Moose Jaw, serving evolving needs and providing vital community services.

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