



Strong Families
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N.D. Dobbin Group of Companies named to build new Ches Penney Family Y

St. John's, NL – after a public tender, the contract to build the new Ches Penney Family Y has been awarded to the N.D. Dobbin Group of Companies. Construction will start in July, 2009. The new Y, at the corner of Ridge Road and Higgins Line, is anticipated to open in early 2011.

“This is another important milestone in our project, and we believe the team at the N.D. Dobbin Group of Companies will work in a great partnership with the Y and our consultants to build an excellent building,” says Jason Brown, CEO of the YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon.

The new Y, designed by prime consultants Sheppard Case Architects, will be approximately 50,000 square feet in size and includes an aquatics centre, child care centre, employment centre, change rooms, gymnasium, offices, exercise facilities, and community space. It is named for \$1 million donor and local businessman Ches Penney and his family.

“We can't wait to open our doors in 2011, between now and then we still have important work to do on our capital campaign and we are confident we will reach our goal” expresses Craig Rowe, Y Board Chair and Ches Penney Family Y Project Committee Chair.

The first step is to erect fencing and site signage, followed by land clearing and then foundation work. During construction, access to the Grand Concourse trail over the Y's property will be closed. Trail users can access the trail from Ecole des Grand Vents or the Marine Institute on Ridge Road and the Howley Building or the Humane Services Centre on Higgins Line.

"We are extremely pleased to have been named the successful contractor for this project and our construction team is looking forward to working with the Y and its consultants in delivering a quality facility in a timely fashion for the residents of the Northeast Avalon to enjoy for many years to come," says Derm Dobbin, President of the N.D. Dobbin Group of Companies.

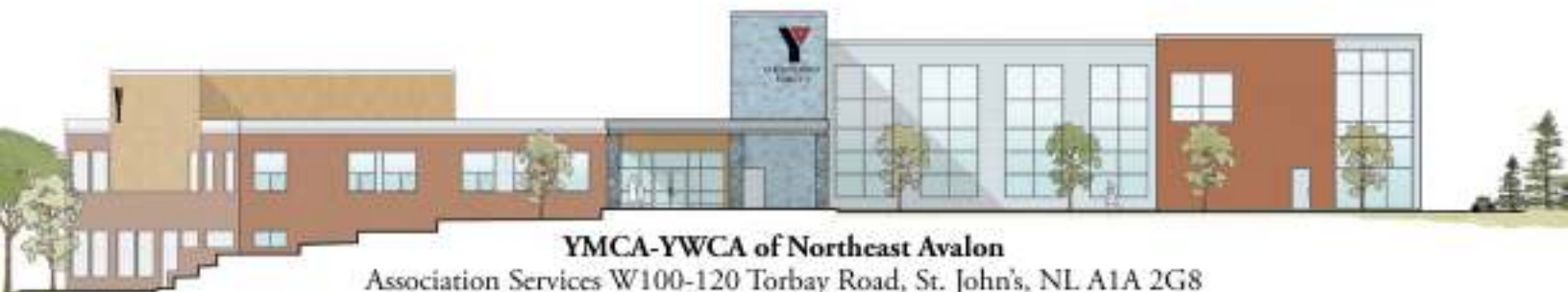
The YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon is a charity offering programs in health, employment and child care since 1854. Every year, over 14,000 people take part in Y programs in our communities.

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