



**YMCA-YWCA OF NORTHEAST AVALON
MEDIA ADVISORY**

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St. John's, NL The YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon is pleased to announce the appointment of Sheppard/Case Architects as the lead consultant for the new St. John's Family Y. Sheppard/Case has decades of experience in architecture and project management.

"This is another milestone in our project, and we are confident Sheppard/Case and their sub-consultants will design an excellent facility", says Jason Brown, Y CEO.

Jim Case of Sheppard/Case says "we are delighted to be on this project and I think that because we are passionate about the cause of the Y we are passionate about the job."

The new Y will contain facilities for health programs including an aquatics centre, conditioning centre, gymnasium, and change rooms; a child care centre; an employment centre; and the Y's corporate offices.

The Y Building Committee led an extensive selection process. "All of the proponents were excellent, and we appreciate their involvement," says Brown.

The new Y will be located at the corner of Ridge Road and Higgins Line on 4.5 acres of the land the Y will own in Pippy Park. The City of St. John's will contribute \$1.5 million and federal and provincial funding is anticipated.

Sheppard/Case will lead consultations toward the design of the new facility, including a consultation of current Y donors, members, and participants scheduled for 7:30pm Thursday 27 March, 2008 at 34 New Cove Road.

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