



## News Release

### YMCA at the Magaguadavic Place

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ST. GEORGE – Since August 2018, the Town of St. George has provided the YMCA of Greater Saint John with primary usage of the Magaguadavic Place community centre.

The usage has been provided at no cost to the YMCA, who has operated fee-for-service childcare such as an after school program or a summer care program. This provision was made as a short term option as it was believed by the Town that the YMCA would be seeking a more permanent facility in the area.

In June 2019, a two-year operational agreement was signed between the Town and the YMCA. In June 2021, the Town offered to extend the operational agreement at a cost-recovery monthly rate. The rental rate proposed to the YMCA is the one that applies for non-profit organizations and a rate that was approved by previous Council in January 2018.

The YMCA has informed the Town that they found a possible alternative location that fits their operational/financial plan, and they are in the process finalizing a relocation. The Town is accommodating this move by delaying accepting proposals to use the site as a vaccination center and other community functions.

Background: The Magaguadavic Place was built in 2008 at a cost of just over \$978,000. Since that time, the building has been the Town of St. George's only municipal community center and is the center piece of the J.O. Spinney Drive recreation area which includes Veterans baseball field, a playground, basketball court, Skate Park and a new-constructed splash pad which was completed this summer. Magaguadavic Place operates on an annual operational budget of \$45,000.



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