

YMCA of Greater Moncton Historical Timeline

The YMCA story began in London, England over 170 years ago with one man who had an idea about how to make his community stronger. From his idea sprang a movement that would spread across the globe, inspiring millions to grow in spirit, mind and body. Throughout the years, YMCAs have evolved with the times, from the Industrial Revolution to the Digital Revolution and made many important contributions to society along the way. Here are some highlights of the history of the YMCA of Greater Moncton:

- 1870** YMCA of Greater Moncton is founded by 30 representatives from various local churches
- 1891** YMCA opens its first building at the corner of Main and Alma Streets
- 1924** YMCA Pawnees win Provincial Basketball Championship. Their domination in basketball on the local and provincial level later earns them membership in the NB Sports Hall of Fame (1986)
- 1930** Hi-Y Club founded at Aberdeen School
- 1943** Camp “Y’s” Acres near Shediac Bridge provides residence camp for boys
- 1954** YMCA opens building on Highfield and Gordon Streets
- 1971** Representatives from YMCA Moncton visit Dominican Republic to launch first international partnership
- 1980** YMCA establishes an Adult Day Program
- 1988** YMCA awards first Peace Medal
- 1995** Hump Yard Railroad YMCA concludes a quarter-century of “home away from home” for CN crews
- 2001** YMCA establishes community outreach initiatives
- 2004** New YMCA of Greater Moncton facility opens on 30 War Veteran’s Ave.
- 2006** YMCA Playing to Learn™ curriculum introduced to YMCAs across Canada
- 2009** YMCA of Greater Moncton pilots Alternative Suspension program and establishes a community garden
- 2015** First cultural youth staff/volunteer exchange between YMCA Moncton and YMCA Risaralda, Colombia
- 2016** YMCA Place to Connect™ curriculum launched for before- and after-school
- 2020** YMCA of Greater Moncton, in partnership with the City of Moncton, to open Y in Moncton’s North End