Shine On Greater Moncton



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A New Chapter of Leadership at the YMCA of Greater Moncton

This summer, the YMCA of Greater Moncton welcomed Ryan Johnston as our new Chief Executive Officer, beginning a new chapter in our organization's long history of serving and strengthening the Greater Moncton community.

Ryan succeeds Zane Korytko, who retired after nearly 20 years of dedicated leadership. His appointment followed an extensive six-month selection process led by the YMCA of Greater Moncton Board of Directors, with support from the YMCA Federation.

A respected community leader, Ryan brings extensive experience in building partnerships and creating opportunities that respond to the needs of individuals and families. Prior to joining the YMCA, he established New Brunswick's first Essential Skills school and served as Principal of the reimagined Hillcrest School. Throughout his career, his work has centered on connecting people, systems, and opportunities to help build stronger communities.

Since joining the Y, Ryan has received an incredibly warm welcome from our members, staff, volunteers, partners, and friends throughout the community.

He also recently had the opportunity to attend the World YMCA Conference, where connecting with YMCA leaders from around the globe offered a meaningful reminder of the movement we are all part of and the difference that begins within our own communities

Reflecting on the experience and his new role, Ryan shared a message that speaks to the heart of our work: **"While the YMCA is a global movement, its greatest impact happens right here at home."**

That impact can be seen every day across the YMCA of Greater Moncton. It is found in children discovering new possibilities, young people receiving the support they need to reach their potential, individuals finding hope during challenging times, families building connections, and people from all walks of life finding a place where they feel they belong.

As Ryan begins his journey with the YMCA, he looks forward to working alongside our staff, volunteers, members, partners, and community to build on the strong foundation already in place and continue expanding the Y's impact throughout Greater Moncton.

We are grateful for the warm welcome our community has extended to Ryan and excited for what lies ahead. Together, we look forward to continuing to build a stronger, healthier, and more connected community where everyone has the opportunity to belong and thrive.

Welcome to the Y, Ryan. We're glad you're here.

YMCA Recré Mobile Fun: Bringing the Community Together, One Park at a Time



This summer, **Récré Mobile Fun brought free family fun to 13 parks across Greater Moncton**, drawing an average of **257 people per event** — with **Maplehurst and Fairview Knoll peaking at over 400.**

Each week featured the same favourites: games, inflatables, glitter tattoos, a mini zoo, and a magician, all free. Rain even turned East End Park's foam pit into an unforgettable, soggy celebration. This year also marked our first time at Maplehurst and East End, with several City Councilors stopping by to join in.

Inspired by programming from the Y in Risaralda, Colombia, Mobile Fun is all about community building through fun.

Noah Black, YMCA Senior Director of Community Initiatives and Facility Leadership shares, *"Récré Mobile Fun brings our three values to life — especially the fun that's in the name! Each week, we create consistent, accessible opportunities for children, youth, families, and neighbours to get active, connect, and enjoy great summer moments together. For us, it's about showing up in the community, creating opportunities for everyone to participate, and making sure there's always room for a little more fun."*

Thank you to our partners — **the City of Moncton, Par-T-Perfect, Travel to You Zoo, and Remi Boudreau the Magician** — for showing up with us every week.
See you at the park next year!

Together for Tomorrow Back-to-School Campaign Raises $81,875!

The YMCA of Greater Moncton's Together for Tomorrow Back to School Campaign raised $81,875 toward its $80,000 goal, providing vital funding for community development initiatives across Greater Moncton.

These programs include **Youth Connections,** a free after-school drop-in offering youth aged 12 to 17 a safe, judgment-free space to belong; **Youth Transitions**, which provides personalized, strengths-based support to help youth aged 12 to 21 build confidence, life skills, and a stronger future; **Back-on-Track,** which supports youth navigating setbacks as they rebuild confidence and develop key life skills; and the **Adult Day Program**, a welcoming, inclusive space where adults with exceptionalities build friendships, confidence, and joy.

The campaign also supports the YMCA Community Garden, Tween Zone, Be You, and Community Outreach — programs that reflect the Y's commitment to showing up for every corner of our community.

The campaign was spearheaded by **Alec Rozsnaki, Sr. Director of Philanthropy and Fund Management**, whose tireless dedication helped bring this campaign to life.



He shares, *"We first launched Together for Tomorrow in 2025 in order to shine a special light on the impact of the YMCA's community initiatives in Greater Moncton and help sustain and grow them to continue to answer present and future needs for youth and beyond. The response from corporate community leaders and donors has been tremendous and I am in awe how our Greater Moncton community have all come together to support vital community programs and entrust us in building a better future for all."*

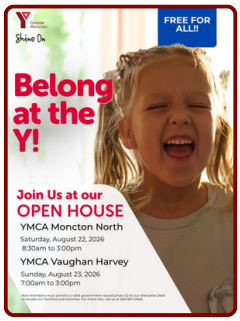
Thank you to everyone who gave, shared, and showed up for our Greater Moncton community this back-to-school season.

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Belong to the Y: Open House Welcomes the Community Back



The YMCA of Greater Moncton recently opened its doors for its annual Open House, held August 22 at YMCA Moncton North and August 23 at YMCA Vaughan Harvey.

This year's theme, "Belong to the Y," celebrated diversity, openness, and the values at the heart of everything we do: inclusion and fun.

There was plenty to enjoy at both locations — lobby games, raffle draws, public swim time at Vaughan Harvey, and kid-friendly favourites like button pin-making, glitter tattoos, and make-your-own YMCA IDs. Outside Moncton North, slip-and-slides and water fun were a hit with families.

What stood out most, though, was connecting with the people behind our programs. Fitness introduced visitors to Small Steps to Big Changes, our diabetes-prevention program with UBC; Child & Youth Services answered questions on childcare and after-school options; and Philanthropy shared more about the Y's community initiatives and fundraising efforts.

Thank you to all the volunteers and employees who made our members feel welcome, and to our sponsors — **Doyle Corporate Image, Comic Hunter, Capitol Theatre, Copain, Lost and Found Ice Cream, Oulton College, Par-T-Perfect, and Sylvan Learning** — for their generous support.

It was a great reminder of what community looks like. **See you all at next year's Open House!**



Proud to Be Part of the Celebration!

August 8, 2026, the YMCA of Greater Moncton was proud to join the Pride Parade during the Moncton Pride Festival, walking alongside members of our community in a celebration of inclusion, belonging, and connection. **At the Y, we believe everyone deserves a place where they can feel welcome and be themselves.**

Participating in the parade was a wonderful opportunity for our team to come together, celebrate our community, and show our support for creating spaces where everyone belongs.

Pride is a celebration of being seen, being valued, and knowing you belong. We were proud to be part of a day that brought our community together.

Building Brighter Futures: CIBC Supports Youth Transitions



In September 2026, CIBC supported the YMCA of Greater Moncton's Youth Transitions Program (YTP) with a $50,000 contribution, helping grow vital youth initiatives in our community.

YTP offers free, one-on-one support to help young people build skills and confidence for the future, from daily living and financial literacy to emotional regulation and post-secondary planning.

"CIBC is committed to giving young people the early support and foundations they need to grow and step confidently into their future, which is why we support programs like the Youth Transitions Program," said Rosa Trunzo, SVP, Region Head, Eastern Canada at CIBC. *"We're incredibly proud of our partnership with the YMCA of Greater Moncton. Together we're creating a world where everyone can achieve their ambitions."*

Thanks to this gift, the Y is adding a new YTP resource with the goal of doubling the youth that we support.

"As long-time CIBC clients, the YMCA of Greater Moncton is proud to continue building a shared legacy of wellness and philanthropy together," said Alec Rozsnaki, Senior Director of Fund Development and Philanthropy.

YTP's impact is already visible — stronger school attendance, confidence, and coping skills among the youth it serves.

Thank you, CIBC, for your continued support of youth in Greater Moncton.



YMCA of Greater Moncton at the YMCA World Council 2026 in Toronto



What an inspiring week it was at the YMCA World Council 2026 in Toronto.

The YMCA of Greater Moncton was proud to be represented by Ryan Johnston, Hannah LaPointe, and Morgan Coleman, who joined thousands of YMCA staff, volunteers, and leaders from around the world to learn, collaborate, and strengthen our global movement. Throughout the week, our team connected with global YMCA leaders, engaged with partners at YMCA Risaralda, celebrated Morgan's graduation from YMCA Canada's Young Ambassadors Program, and welcomed Ryan to his first World Council as our new CEO.

They also heard powerful stories of leadership, peacebuilding, and community impact — reminders of why the YMCA matters worldwide.

A Summer of Fun, Friendship and Adventure at the Y



From June 22 to August 28, YMCA Summer Day Camp was filled with activity, laughter and plenty of opportunities to explore. **Throughout the summer, 600 campers joined us for days packed with fun, friendship and new experiences.**

With a variety of weekly themes, campers enjoyed everything from creative projects and hands-on activities to sports, games, water fun and outdoor adventures. Each week brought something new, giving kids plenty of opportunities to discover their interests, try new things, and simply enjoy being a kid.

But summer camp is about more than staying busy. **It's also a place where children can make new friends, build confidence, practice teamwork, and create memories together in a welcoming environment.**

After ten weeks of adventures, we wrapped up another memorable summer at the Y, filled with the kind of moments that make summer camp special.

McDonald's Celebrates Grand Opening with $10,000 Gift to YMCA Youth Programs



A grand opening is a celebration of new beginnings, and for the McDonald's team at 1860 Mountain Road, it was also an opportunity to give back to the community they serve.

In celebration of the restaurant's Grand Opening, McDonald's generously **donated $10,000 to the YMCA of Greater Moncton in support of youth community programs.**

This meaningful contribution will help the YMCA continue creating opportunities for young people to connect, build confidence, develop new skills, and find a sense of belonging within their community.

Support from local businesses plays an important role in helping the YMCA make programs and opportunities more accessible to youth and families across Greater Moncton. Contributions like this help strengthen the programs and spaces where young people can learn, grow, and thrive.

The YMCA of Greater Moncton extends its heartfelt thanks to Chantal Cormier and the entire McDonald's team for choosing to make community giving part of this special milestone.

Thank you, McDonald's, for investing in our youth and helping build a stronger, more connected community.