



MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Maitland Recreation Centre Reopening in September

We are pleased to announce that the Maitland Recreation Centre will reopen September 8, 2020. Even though we have been physically separated from our communities, we have never been so connected. While our facilities had to close, our commitment to community never changed and we can't wait to welcome our families and members back!

The facility will reopen in phases. Phase 1 will launch fitness access with the maximum capacity per separate indoor spaces as per provincial guidelines. We will then layer in programming such as childminding and group exercise classes with new guidelines in place. Phase 2 will include reopening the pool at a time when we can safely manage changeroom access and staff are rehired, retrained, and recertified. The Sifto Arena currently has the ice removed and we have been completing project work and maintenance in this area. Arena operations are currently being revised with local health authorities and discussions on ice installation timelines are ongoing. Stay tuned for more information to come regarding programs and area reopenings.

The Maitland Recreation Centre is a place our community has come together for years and we want everyone to feel confident that their health and safety is our top priority. The facility has been cleaned and redesigned to support distancing measures and will follow guidelines set out by the province and local health units. During the closure we have; created new signage to guide you through the branch and inform you about sanitation measures, installed tempered glass partitions at front desks and reception areas, sourced PPE and require all staff to wear a mask when in contact with community members, created new cleaning and disinfecting standards, and instituted screening of staff, members, and participants. With new precautions in place, we are not just going back to the way things were... we are heading towards an even better future.

We're calling our community back and welcoming anyone who wants to join one of the largest fitness networks in Canada as we reopen our doors! It's time to REUNITE! Hours for operation beginning September 8 will be Monday to Friday from 7am – 8pm, Saturday and Sunday from 8am – 4pm and hours will be expanded as demand and programming ramp up. Additional information regarding programming and offerings can be found at www.ymcaswo.ca

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