

News Release
**Town kicks off Labrador Wellness Centre Capital Campaign with
major donations**

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Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL – The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay welcomed Nalcor, the Newfoundland and Labrador Building and Construction Trades Council, and Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to a funding announcement for the construction of the Labrador Wellness Centre which is being operating in collaboration with the YMCA.

As part of the event, Nalcor announced a contribution of \$1million, the NLBTC contributed \$75,000 and the NGC confirmed an agreement for a land transfer with the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

On the announcement of major donations Mayor of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Jamie Snook stated, “I am more than pleased with these initial donations to the Labrador Wellness Centre Project. It is one more important step to revitalizing our community, and creating a regional centre where all of us can enjoy an enhanced quality of life, much needed amenities, and a heightened sense of wellbeing.” He continued, “I am very grateful to Council for their steadfast focus on this project and together with Federal, Provincial, and Industry partners we will achieve our goal.”

"This project represents the first permanent YMCA presence in Labrador, and we are looking forward to working with the community to bring YMCA programs to life. We are grateful for the generous pledges announced today to start the campaign," said Jason Brown, CEO of the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador.

“Our donation to the Labrador Wellness Centre embodies our long-term commitment to be good community partners to the residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, the outlying communities that make up upper Lake Melville, and all of Labrador,” said John MacIsaac, Executive Vice President, Power Supply, Nalcor Energy. “We are proud to contribute to such a worthy community initiative that will have a positive impact on the diverse health and wellness needs of the people of central Labrador.”

“This is an important project for the residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and we are very pleased to offer our support. Our members continue to offer financial support for the growth and development of communities, and this is another great example where the men and women of the Newfoundland Labrador building

trades are giving back to support their neighbours, friends, family, and communities,” said Darin King, Executive Director of NL Building Trades Council.

“NGC is pleased to help make this project a reality,” said NGC President and CEO Chris Webb. “We have a big role to play in fostering the development of strong and vibrant communities within Nunatsiavut and for Beneficiaries who live outside the Inuit settlement area, including the 2300 Beneficiaries who live in the Upper Lake Melville area.”

This funding will go towards the construction of the new Labrador Wellness Centre. This facility will replace aging infrastructure in the community and provide a space for recreation which will be accessible to residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and all of Labrador. Phase 1 of the Labrador Wellness Centre includes the development of a 25-meter pool, a gymnasium, a walking/running track, a fitness room with cardio and weight equipment, multipurpose rooms and a 60 space daycare.

The Town greatly appreciates the contributions made by Nalcor, the NLBTC and NGC. Their donation are integral to the success of this project and will kick start the fundraising efforts of the Capital Campaign.

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