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Warden Danny Muise
Councillors of the MODA
Alain Muise, CAO
Municipality of the District of Argyle
27 Courthouse Road
Tusket, Nova Scotia B0W 3M0

Dear Warden Danny Muise, Councillors of the MODA and Mr. Alain Muise, CAO

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Yarmouth Y Whitecaps (YYW) Swim Team regarding the recent announcement by the Board of the Yarmouth YMCA that the facility will be permanently closed.

As the biggest user of the 'Y' pool facility, we appreciate the support you have given the 'Y' over the years, and the investment and support you have shown for a new recreation facility in Yarmouth. We understand that financial stability and competing community demands are always an issue for municipal units, especially now during the Covid-19 pandemic.

News of the closure of the 'Y' has devastated our swim team. Like many other community groups and individuals, we are left with many unknowns and have difficult decisions to make. We have essentially lost our 'home'. Frankly, the viability of our team has never been in so much danger.

We believe the closure of the 'Y' will have a ripple effect in our communities that will impact many residents and the overall health of the local area. Now, maybe more than ever, people need a friendly and safe place to grow, work, and play. The 'Y' has been that place for many residents of all ages in Yarmouth County.

Despite the current situation, we have been encouraged by the outpouring of support for the 'Y' by community members, and both municipal and provincial elected officials. We are very pleased to learn that the Warden and Council will continue to support the 'Y' and will join ongoing efforts to engage the Provincial and Federal Government to help reduce the financial burden.

We hope that the MODA will also continue to advocate for a long-term solution. Yarmouth deserves a recreation facility like so many other communities in our province already enjoy.

We welcome any opportunity to discuss this further. I can be reached at 902.740.4856 or by email at cunninje75@gmail.com.

Please find attached a letter of support from Swim Nova Scotia, the governing body for swimming in the province.

Sincerely,



Jane Cunningham
President



Heather Nickerson
Vice President



Alix d'Entremont
Head Coach

Attached:

Swim Nova Scotia Letter of Support
YYW Response to the Closure of the Yarmouth YMCA

CC: Municipality of Yarmouth:
Warden Leland Anthony
Councillors of the MODY
Victoria Brooks, CAO

Town of Yarmouth:
Mayor Pam Mood
Councillors of the TOY
Jeff Gushue, CAO