



Announcement

The Board of Directors of the YMCA of Wood Buffalo has accepted the resignation of Mark Phillips, YMCA President and CEO effective June 30, 2010. The Board thanks Mark for his leadership and contribution to the community through the YMCA and wishes him success in all of his endeavours .

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the development of a cooperative management agreement between the YMCA of Wood Buffalo and the YMCA of Edmonton. Under this agreement the two YMCAs will share one President and CEO.

This agreement builds upon the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two YMCA signed in 2008 in which the YMCA of Edmonton provides the YMCA of Wood Buffalo financial and administrative services on a cost recovery basis. The MOU will have fully implemented as of June 2010.

Under the new agreement each YMCA will remain independent and autonomous with its own board of directors. Both YMCAs acknowledge the opportunity and synergy for improved leadership development, training leading to greater efficiency and effectiveness over time.

Such agreements have been successfully and developed by YMCA boards across Canada.

We are pleased to announce therefore that Franco Savoia, current CEO of the YMCA of Edmonton will also assume that role for the YMCA of Wood Buffalo. Franco has been a YMCA President and CEO for the past 21 years in Niagara and Edmonton. He has a 41-year career in the YMCA. He will report to the YMCA of Wood Buffalo Board of Directors and to the YMCA of Edmonton Board of Directors in his respective roles.

As the agreement was developed, the CEO has conducted a search for a Regional Vice President to manage the YMCA operations in the community of Wood Buffalo. Franco Savoia is pleased to announce the appointment of Sonya Earle as YMCA Child Care and Regional Vice President for the YMCA of Wood Buffalo. Ms. Earle is the current YMCA Senior Director for Child Care in Wood Buffalo. She has been on the YMCA staff for the past 4 years. Ms. Earle will report to the President and CEO.

Both boards of directors will form a joint committee to monitor the implementation of the agreement. The agreement will be reviewed annually and each of the YMCAs is able, with notice, to withdraw from the agreement.

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