



Date: April 15, 2010

To: All YMCA Members
RE: Harmonized Sales Tax & YMCA Membership

On July 1, 2010 the Ontario Government is implementing a change to our tax system. The new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) will replace the current GST and PST, and this will have an impact on your YMCA membership fees. Currently YMCA members are charged 5% GST on adult membership fees. As of July 1st, adult and student members will be charged 13% HST in accordance with the new tax system.

YMCA members are invited to pre-purchase a year's membership to save on this tax. If you wish to pre-purchase a year, you must do so by 5 pm on April 30, 2010, as has been determined by government policy. Please contact your YMCA membership desk by April 30th to complete this transaction or any other assistance.

As always, the YMCA strives to serve every segment of the community, including those with limited financial means. Please remember that if this new tax is creating financial difficulty for you and your family, you are invited to come speak with a YMCA staff and financial assistance may be provided to you. This valuable service by the YMCA is generously supported by local community donors and the United Way.

Thank you for your continued support of the YMCA and if you have any questions about this new tax, and its implications, please contact your local YMCA for additional details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Posavad'.

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