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YMCA of Brantford appoints YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington's President & CEO

Hamilton, Ontario – The Board of Directors of the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington and the YMCA of Brantford have voted unanimously in favour of appointing Jim Commerford, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the YMCA of Brantford. The new staff sharing arrangement is effective as of December 3, 2007.

The decision is driven by a desire to increase capacity by the YMCA in order to better serve the community through a wider scope of programming. In addition to sharing a Chief Executive Officer, the Boards have agreed to establish a joint Committee to examine shared governance models and make a recommendation to their respective Boards in 2008.

“There are many examples within the Canadian YMCA movement that have demonstrated the success of regional service delivery models,” says Brenda Flaherty, Chair of the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington Board of Directors. “Examples include the YMCA of Niagara, YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka and the YMCA of London. By sharing our staff resources between local Associations, we will be better positioned to respond quickly and effectively to our local community needs.”

“We’re thrilled to welcome Jim Commerford as President & CEO of the YMCA of Brantford,” says Brian Wood, Chair of the YMCA of Brantford Board of Directors. “We believe that by integrating our diverse capabilities, expertise, resources and knowledge, we will all be able to do more for the community and operate more effectively.”

Both Board Chairs stress the importance of remaining respectful of the unique accomplishments and identity of both YMCAs and their respective community. They will remain committed to maintaining a visible leadership presence in all communities.

The YMCA shares a long history in both communities and collectively serves over 100,000 people annually. Both YMCAs offer health, fitness and recreation programs, licensed child care and day camping.

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