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**Minister of Health Promotion Margaret Best tours
new Les Chater Family YMCA site**

Hamilton, ON – The Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion, and local MPP Sophia Aggelonitis, visited the new Les Chater Family YMCA construction last Tuesday to keep apprised of the project in which the Province of Ontario has committed \$2 million.

Following a presentation of the Centre's architectural drawings, Minister Best, MPP Aggelonitis and Jim Commerford, YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington President & CEO, toured the facility which is nearing full enclosure. The new Turner Park Community Centre on Rymal Road East is a one-of-a-kind model focused on health and wellness in the Hamilton Mountain community. The Centre will feature a YMCA, Hamilton Mountain Police Station, Hamilton Public Library, skateboard park, outdoor playground and baseball diamonds.

"We are thrilled to see the provincial government's willingness to invest in the health and future of our city and our province," said Commerford. "Their contribution will allow the YMCA to deliver recreation, education, child care and many other program integrations that are needed on Hamilton Mountain in one easily accessible location for residents."

In addition, the new YMCA will house innovative programs offered in conjunction with Hamilton Health Sciences which will focus on surgery preparation, rehabilitation and youth obesity. This will allow hospital savings through provision of programming in the YMCA. Programs are currently being piloted at the Flamborough Family YMCA. Program synergies will also exist with the Hamilton Police, literacy programs with the Hamilton Public Library and accessible licensed YMCA child care.

"Through this investment, our government is creating new opportunities to increase physical activity across the province and in local communities such as Hamilton," said Minister Best. "By increasing opportunities for sport and recreation, we are building a stronger, healthier province."

"I'm delighted that our community is coming together to build a project such as the Les Chater Family YMCA which ultimately serves so many of our residents," said MPP Aggelonitis.

The South Mountain Community Complex is a partnership between the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington, City of Hamilton, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton Health Sciences, Chedoke Health Corporation, and the Hamilton Regional Police Service. The Les Chater Family YMCA is funded by the Province of Ontario, City of Hamilton, Hamilton Health Sciences, Chedoke Health Corporation and many generous donors of the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington.

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Charitable Mission

The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington is a charitable organization that helps people achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body through participation and service to the community.

Vision

Creating healthy communities in which individuals and families have opportunities to develop their potential.