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**YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington Grows Again:
General Manager for the new Les Chater Family YMCA Joins the Staff**

Hamilton, ON – As the new Les Chater Family YMCA on Rymal Road East inches closer to completion, the staff team to lead the newest YMCA facility is beginning to take shape. We are proud to announce the hiring of our new General Manager of the Les Chater Family YMCA, Lisa Roddie.

Over the next several months, Lisa Roddie's responsibilities will include developing the Les Chater Family YMCA leadership team; implementing a membership drive; working with partners on program development; customizing the facility; and managing the opening of the new facility for January 2009.

"Lisa Roddie was selected from a field of 20 applicants," said YMCA Vice President of Membership Operations and Capital Development, Brian Posavad. "She has proven to be very strong both operationally and strategically. She knows how to build a solid team around her and is very personable. She has done an outstanding job in Peterborough, managing high quality programs for the community and opening their new facility."

Lisa Roddie has her Recreation Leadership Diploma from Langara College in Vancouver as well as her Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia. For the past several years she has served as Manager of Membership Services for the YMCA of Peterborough, where membership growth nearly tripled over the last decade under her leadership. Additionally, she played a key role in the program design and transition to a new Peterborough YMCA facility. Previously, she served as Program Director of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver. Having grown up in Burlington and attended school on Hamilton Mountain, she and husband, Bob, and children, Shelley, 7, and Grant, 5, are looking forward to their return to the Hamilton community.

Charitable Mission: The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington is a charitable organization helping 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 reach their potential.

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