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## **An Update to our Community**

June 21, 2021

Community Members,

You may be aware that we recently invited offers for the purchase / redevelopment of our Walker Family YMCA property at 25 YMCA Drive in St. Catharines. We are presently reviewing the proposals we have received. We know the community wants to know what our next steps will be, and we will communicate our decisions and next steps as this process unfolds.

We sincerely value those who have expressed their desire for the YMCA to continue. It shows your loyalty to our YMCA. We share this desire and remain committed to finding the best ways to continue serving the community for many years to come; this is the lens through which we are assessing each of the offers we have received.

We would like to thank everyone that has reached out to us, and to the City of St Catharines Council, over the past few weeks to share their YMCA stories and the impact that our programs and services have had on their lives. These heartfelt stories will be shared and presented to our internal stakeholders. We continue to welcome proposals for creative partnerships as we remain committed to our mission of building healthy communities

Over the past two months, we have been engaging in conversations with the Save the Y St. Catharines committee and the City of St. Catharines. At the YMCA of Niagara, one of our core values is inclusiveness; thus, we want you to know that your voices are being heard. We also want to encourage everyone to learn more about the plethora of programming that continues to be available, from YMCA Child Care and EarlyON to YMCA Employment and Immigrant Services, and from our Community Outreach Programs to YMCA Day Camps. The YMCA of Niagara has always been open since the start of the pandemic and we will continue to serve the community.

We continue to listen and we always welcome creative solutions / proposals for partnerships and collaboration with our YMCA. I encourage anyone to contact me directly via my personal email [steven.chuang@niagara.ymca.ca](mailto:steven.chuang@niagara.ymca.ca)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Chuang".

Steven Chuang  
President & CEO

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communities*