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Board Chair update: Leadership announcement

Dear valued YMCA of Niagara stakeholder,

On behalf of the YMCA of Niagara Board of Directors, I am writing to you today with an important leadership update regarding our YMCA.

After careful consideration, Steven Chuang, our CEO, has informed the Board of his desire to return to the Greater Toronto Area to spend more time with his family, and to focus on other priorities. The Board wishes Steven all the best as he embarks on a new chapter of his life in Toronto.

We respect the importance of confidentiality when it comes to individual contracts and employment details, and therefore, we will not comment on any specific details with respect to this situation.

We remain committed to building the future of our YMCA for our communities, and in support of that we are pleased to announce that **Christian Wulff** has been appointed to the role of **Interim CEO, YMCA of Niagara**, effective immediately. Christian is a strategic leader with 12 years of experience in the YMCA movement, most recently as Vice President of Operations for the YMCA of Niagara, and has extensive experience in operations management, stakeholder engagement, change management, and community partnerships.

While sharing this leadership update, the Board of Directors also wants to acknowledge that our YMCA has been managing a lot of change recently, and we want you to know that we have a deep commitment to building back stronger for everyone in our community. That is why the Board of Directors and Christian will be connecting with staff, and key stakeholders and community partners in the coming days and weeks—to understand how the YMCA can continue to deepen our relationships and our community impact including searching for the right leader for our team.

We are looking forward to connecting with you as we focus on the four key priorities laid out in the strategic plan: building back a strong, committed, community-focused staff team, improving the resilience of our program models, renewing stakeholder engagement, and deepening our impact.

Should you have questions, I invite you to reach out to me via email at nancy.brown@niagara.ymca.ca

Thank you for your trust and for your ongoing commitment to our YMCA and our values.

With warm regards,

Mike Watt

Board Chair, YMCA of Niagara

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