

## YMCA of Fredericton

2016 Annual Report

Healthy People For Healthy Communities





## **OUR MISSION**

OUR YMCA IS A LEADING CHARITY THAT WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY SPIRIT, MIND AND BODY AND THE BASIC RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF ALL.









## **MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY**

At the YMCA of Fredericton our vision is "Healthy People for Healthy Communities". Last year was a healthy year for our Y; it was one of reflection and planning for the transformational change that will be our future.

It has become a competitive market across the country with more businesses understanding that health, wellness and well-being are becoming the norm rather than the exception and certainly more important to individuals and families. We as Y's must make the necessary moves to remain vibrant and viable within this changing environment.

Nationally, Y Canada has recognized the changing landscape and are adapting to meet the demands of Y's across the country. A "refresh" of the Y Canada strategic plan is underway recognizing the need for a midstream shift in how we do business.

This same changing landscape is in front of the YMCA of Fredericton. While we remain true to our mission and our vision we must be flexible so that we are able to meet the needs of our members and our community, while securing the long-term sustainability of the organization.

This has been a year of transition for the YMCA of Fredericton. We thank outgoing CEO Barb Ramsay for all that she has done for our Y. Her dedication to our Y's mission and her passion for people will be greatly missed. We welcomed new CEO, Jason Dickson, to our organization who brings his own passion for our Y and will lead us as we meet and surpass the demands of the future.

Entering our 159<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Fredericton Region, our Y remains the one constant that our community can rely on. It is a second home to many in our community and certainly the first stop for newcomers as they make Fredericton their home. We celebrate and thank the hard working, staff, and volunteers in addition to our members, who make the Y such a great place to be, and who understand that our Y is more than just a gym.

Sincerely,

Lisa LePage

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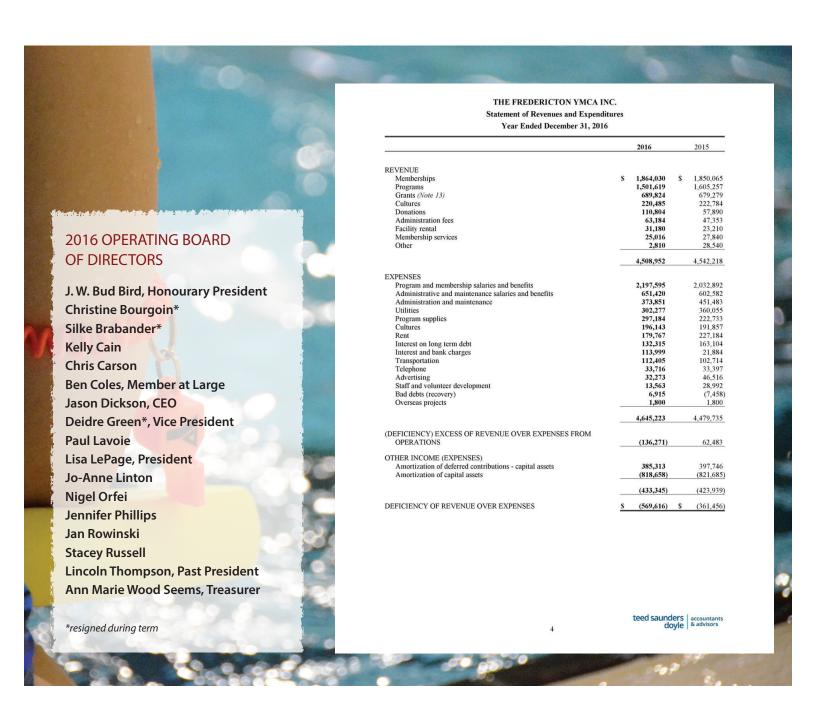
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Jason Dickson

CEO, YMCA of Fredericton



## **LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE**





## **GLOBAL AND COMMUNITY**



The provincial government has invested \$260,000 in the Fredericton YMCA to support newcomers in the Fredericton region. The funding, over two years, will help the YMCA develop employment action plans and provide employment counselling services to newcomers. Julie Little is the YMCA of Fredericton's new Employment Counsellor assisting Newcomers in their employment search. Our office is located at 390 King Street, Suite 210.



The YMCAs Community Closet is a free initiative that allows anyone to shop for free. We are happy to be able to offer this much needed service to our community.

**2016 Peace Medallion Recipient:** Mary Dickinson, a tireless and committed long-time volunteer in the community of Fredericton, was awarded the YMCA's 2016 Peace Medallion for her work with refugees and for other community initiatives during YMCA Peace Week November 2016.

"Years ago there was a song "Give peace a chance..." and Mary is one person who is very actively working to make that happen in Fredericton. When it comes to promoting peace within families, within communities, and within Canada, she is an outstanding example of a citizen who lives that wish – and is capable of energizing others to join in giving peace a chance." says H. Monte Peters, pastor of the Holy Family Catholic Church.

The medallion recognizes the accomplishments of individuals who exemplify the values in the YMCA's World Alliance's Peace Statement. "Peace has many dimensions," it reads. "We cannot expect to live in a world of peace if we are unable to live in peace with those close to us — even those who differ from us. The responsibility for peace begins with each person, in relationships with family and friends, and extends to community life and national activities."





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During the current year, the Board approved a three year strategic plan (2016 -2018). The Plan identifies four strategic directions:

Growth: the Fund is looking to increase the level of support it provides to the Fredericton YMCA and to support the Y in more strategic areas.

Donor Friendly: the Fund wants to better meet the philanthropic goals of donors by providing them with greater options to support the Endowment Fund.

Develop Relationships: The Fredericton YMCA and the Fredericton YMCA Endowment Fund have very strong relationships with many members, friends and donors. We want to improve on those relationships and develop new relationships going forward.

Governance Excellence: the Fund wants to bolster trust, reduce organizational risk and improve governance practices by implementing the Imagine Canada standards.

As a result of a prior agreement with the Fredericton YMCA Board, the Fund carried out a one on one conversation with the 2015 Strong Kids Donors in the Champions and Benefactors categories, giving them clear options to direct their annual contribution.

The Fund carried out a review of the present planned giving and annual giving donor options, identified new options including expending funds and developed and updated policies and procedures. A review of the Bylaws was carried out and a new process was implemented for the identification and recruitment of Directors.

The Fund made several enhancements in financial accounting and statement presentation in 2016. These enhancements were aimed at improving the clarity of the underlying endowed nature of funds.

#### 2016 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2016 the Endowment Fund Board of Directors approved \$85,000 in fund distributions to the Fredericton YMCA. \$75,000 was the seventh of ten equal annual distributions to the YMCA towards the costs of the recently completed new Fredericton YMCA facility. The remaining \$10,000 distribution was for Strong Kids initiatives at the Fredericton YMCA. Since inception the Fund has contributed \$1,031,000 to the YMCA.



Total net assets grew by \$20,480 in 2016 amounting to \$2,052,849 as at December 31. There were two basic components to the net asset growth:

- -there was a shortfall in net operations of \$7,657. Operations include investment income, operational and external investment management expenses and distributions to the Fredericton YMCA.
- -Endowment contributions from donors totaled \$28,137 for the year.

#### YMCA ENDOWMENT FUND INC. INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS 2016

The Fund's investment committee and its external investment management firm, Connor Clark & Lunn, are focused on achieving the Fund's investment objectives over the longer term. The Fund's annualized investment returns after fees for the 4 Year period of 8.06% exceeded the Fund's target performance.

This past year delivered more than its share of surprises globally in politics and the financial markets. Investment returns for the Fund in 2016 were 4.84% compared to the passive benchmark return of 6.78%. The portfolio underperformance for the year was primarily attributable to the international equities and the market neutral strategy asset classes.

Table 1. Annualized Investment Returns After Fees as of December 31, 2016

	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR	4 YEAR
Actual	4.84%	5.29%	6.96%	8.06%
Benchmark	6.78%	5.20%	6.86%	7.50%

Table 2. Allocation of investments of asset classes as of December 31, 2016 as compared to the long term target allocations

	TACTICAL ALLOCATION DECEMBER 31, 2016	STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION	DEVIATION TO STRATEGIC TARGET
Fixed Income	44%	45%	-1%
Equities			
Canadian	24%	25%	-1%
US	13%	12%	1%
International	9%	8%	1%
Diversified Market Neutral Strategy	11%	10%	1%
Cash	0%	0%	0%

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## HERITAGE CLUB

We have been involved with the Fredericton YMCA since the 1980's and have made many friends over the years at the YMCA whom we hold dear. Most importantly, the YMCA contributes to the fabric of our community. The Y helps children, families in need, single parents and our seniors 365 days a year. This assisted help is vital to strengthening our city. We contributed to the Endowment Fund thru the Heritage Club thinking that long after we're gone the Y will use that gift to continue strengthening the vibrant community we cherish so much. Donna and Lincoln



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## **LOUIS FORTIN**

For Louis, the YMCA is more than a spot for him and his children. It's a place that fuels him to be a champion.

Louis is a cancer survivor. At the age of 13, he was diagnosed with shoulder bone cancer. This resulted in him losing his arm.

In 2014, he competed in the Paralympic games in Sochi in cross country skiing. His choice of sport happened by accident.

"I only started skiing 6 years ago, then I was 33 years old. It's quite late to start a sport and because of my background of being active, I was able to pick it up quickly."

After moving to Fredericton five years ago, he and his family signed up at the YMCA.

"At that time, I was training for the Paralympics and it just made sense." he explains. "While the kids are being active, we would try to be active as well."

Louis has since made the YMCA home for his children, his wife and himself. His children have been in swimming and karate and he and his wife participate in group fitness classes together or visit the Wellness Center for cardio and weights.

Louis is happy that he and his family are members of the YMCA community.



"It's a really diverse facility. There's a place for everyone; young kids, seniors, athletes or someone who just wants to stay healthy. This place has everything I need and I wouldn't go anywhere else."

## **DATA THAT INSPIRES**

264

Number of children enrolled in licensed YMCA Child CarePrograms who are receiving safe, affordable and quality after school care



159

Number of years the YMCA of Fredericton has been serving the needs of the Fredericton community



5465

Number of kids, teens, adults and seniors who are members of the Fredericton YMCA developing body, spirit and mind (April 2017)



1302

Number of people the Strong Kids Campaign has helped in 2016



24

Number of years that Cultures Boutique has been offering fair trade products and educating the public about the impact of alternative trade principals

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