



YMCA

We build strong kids,  
strong families, strong communities.

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To Whom It May Concern:

When we were planning our new YMCA facility, we studied our options for pool construction. The pools at the old YMCA facility, located at the corner of George and Murray Streets, were built in 1931 (Forbes Pool) and 1969 (Minty Pool). They had a ceramic tile finish that, over the life of the pool, required increasing amounts of money and effort to keep safe and clean. We discovered that Myrtha, with its PVC-coated stainless steel construction, offers the ability to build beautiful, low-maintenance pools with no tile. The Myrtha Pools we visited as part of our detailed investigation, did not require painting, tile repairs (although some models do have tile trim on the gutter), grout repairs, caulking or leak injection. Many of these pools had been emptied only once or not at all in several years of operation, which is important to us as we have a lot of pressure to avoid schedule disruptions from our members.

During design and construction, Keith Richardson of Nationwide Commercial Aquatics was very helpful, offering good advice on how the pools could be most successful without unnecessary cost. The pools were completed on budget and on schedule.

The pools are now completed (we have a 25-metre lap pool, a free-form leisure/therapy pool and a hot tub) and are seen as a dramatic improvement over the old tile pools by our YMCA staff. Myrtha has been very supportive throughout the entire project from planning to operations, the pools are easy to care for and they look great.

Our members are delighted with the Myrtha Pools – both the lap and therapy pool have Myrtha's unique Softwalk floor, a real hit with all age groups.

I was so pleased with the Myrtha experience that we are using Myrtha for our newest facility, the Quinte West YMCA, which will include a 25-metre lap pool and another freeform leisure pool.

Sincerely,

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