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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Vale Health & Wellness Centre Set to Open Its Doors

**Monday, February 11, 2013**

**WHO:** The City of Port Colborne, Vale and the YMCA will be celebrating their partnership with Rick Dysktra, Member of Parliament for St. Catharines, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for FedDev Ontario., Kim Craitor, Member of Provincial Parliament for Niagara Falls, Bruce Bichel, General Manager of Smelting & Refining, Ontario Operations, Vale, Patrick Robson, Chair, Board of Directors, YMCA of Niagara, the PORTicipation family and various community groups and members.

**WHAT:** A Community Celebration ceremony to commemorate the official opening of the Vale Health & Wellness Centre.

**Planned Events & Activities include:**

- Formal program and ceremony with dignitaries noted above.
- Free family skate hosted by the City of Port Colborne
- Free family activities for of all ages hosted by the YMCA including an open family swim, family bounce, pick-up basketball and zumba classes
- The Art Ross, Lady Byng and Vezina Hockey Hall of Fame Trophies will be on display in the upper lobby.
- Meet and greets with Gary Leeman, Bob Nevin and Darryl Shannon in the upper lobby.
- Assorted sports mascots including Bones (Niagara Ice Dogs), Sabre Tooth (Buffalo Sabres) and Buster (Buffalo Bisons)
- Guided tours of the facility hosted by City Ambassadors and YMCA volunteers.
- Complimentary cake in the Golden Puck Community Room with coffee courtesy of Subway.
- City's Sportsfest event, will be occurring throughout the afternoon.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 16, 2013  
Ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m.  
Guided tours start at 11:30 a.m.  
Hall of Fame Trophies from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Sports Celebrities from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Mascots from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Family activities start at 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Vale Health & Wellness Centre  
550 Elizabeth Street  
Port Colborne, ON L3K 2C3

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### **About the Vale Health & Wellness Centre**

The Vale Health & Wellness Centre is a \$32 million, state-of-the-art facility for sport, recreation, health, wellness, entertainment, and commerce – all under one roof - the first of its kind in the Niagara region. The 140,000 square foot venue includes two NHL-sized ice pads, a walking/jogging track for all season use, six outdoor bocce courts and through partnership with the YMCA, an aquatic centre with lap and leisure pools, a gymnasium and fitness area. The facility is nestled within the T.A. Lannan Sports Complex that is home to six soccer fields, three baseball fields, a playground and recreation trails that connect with the Welland Canal Multi-Use Trails.

### **About the City of Port Colborne**

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre, white sand beaches, culinary favourites, the community's world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, recreation and unique shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

### **About Vale**

Vale Canada Limited is one of Canada's largest mining companies, with operations in Sudbury and Port Colborne, Ontario; Thompson, Manitoba and Voisey's Bay and Long Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador. Vale's Base Metals business, with its headquarters in Toronto, is the world's second largest nickel producer and a leading producer of copper, platinum group metals and cobalt. Vale in Canada has a community investment program that has helped fuel local and national initiatives, impacting the lives of thousands of Canadians.

Vale in Canada is part of Vale (NYSE: VALE), the world's leading iron ore producer. Vale is also a leading producer of manganese, ferroalloys, thermal and coking coal, and fertilizer nutrients. For further information, please visit [www.vale.com](http://www.vale.com).

### **About YMCA**

The YMCA is a charity dedicated to building healthy communities. We are committed to nurturing the potential of children, youth and families, promoting healthy living and fostering social responsibility within the community. In Niagara, the YMCA has a positive impact on the health of over 89,000 people of all backgrounds, ability and stages of life across the region. Offering 178 unique programs operating from 101 sites throughout Niagara, the YMCA offers Youth Outreach, Membership, Child Care, Day Camp and Employment & Newcomer Services supported by over 1200 volunteers annually. Our focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means we serve people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities through all stages of life. Through the YMCA Strong Kids campaign, the YMCA is accessible to all.

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