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## **The YMCAs of Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo announce Peter Sweeney as new Chief Executive Officer**

KITCHENER, ON – (June 7, 2016) The Boards of Directors of the YMCAs of Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo are pleased to announce that following a comprehensive national search, Peter Sweeney has been selected to serve as our next CEO following the retirement of long-time CEO and community leader, John Haddock.

The search process was led by a Committee of the Boards comprised of directors and past directors from the YMCAs of Cambridge and of Kitchener-Waterloo, as well as a representative of YMCA Canada. The Search Committee focused on identifying a new CEO who shares our dream for a future where everyone in our community belongs and reaches their potential each and every day, and in which the YMCA is a strategic partner in meeting these goals and in strengthening Waterloo Region as a vibrant and healthy community for all.

“We believe that Peter is the ideal person to fill this role -- Peter is a well-respected non-profit leader and health sector executive with a track record of building relationships, leveraging opportunities, and developing partnerships across sectors both locally and internationally” said John Slattery, Chair of the Board for the YMCA of Cambridge,

“In Peter, the Boards are confident that we have selected a charismatic and inspirational leader, passionate about community development and contributing to lasting social change. Peter’s entrepreneurial spirit, commitment to collaboration, and established connection to our communities will serve our YMCAs well” continued Todd Bissett, Chair of the Board for the YMCA of Kitchener-Waterloo.

A long-time Waterloo Region resident, Peter joins the YMCA following a distinguished career as President of the St. Mary’s General Hospital Foundation and the St. Joseph’s Health System International Outreach Program. He is also a Director of healthcare technology start-up Oculys, a social enterprise company launched by the St. Mary’s General Hospital Foundation in 2010.

“I am thrilled and humbled to have the opportunity to join the YMCA and to help lead the associations into the future. Having spent my life and career involved in community building efforts that deliver positive social change, I feel the YMCAs are uniquely positioned to help make Waterloo Region a place where everyone belongs” said Peter Sweeney. “This is an ideal fit for me and I am looking forward to explore what the Y, its wonderful staff and dedicated volunteers, and I can accomplish in our community and beyond for years to come.”

Peter will begin his role at the YMCA in early September and will work closely with John Haddock prior to John's retirement in October of 2016.

### **About the YMCAs of Cambridge & Kitchener-Waterloo:**

The YMCA of Cambridge and the YMCA of Kitchener-Waterloo work together as charities to help transform the health of those living in Waterloo Region one individual, one child, and one family at a time. We are among Waterloo Region's largest charitable organizations. YMCAs are centres of community where potential grows, everyone belongs, and health goals are achieved every day. With an exceptional breadth of programs and services, the YMCA makes an impact on the health of individuals and families across all generations, means and abilities.

We build kids up, give youth a safe place to belong, and help people of all ages gain new skills, build confidence and overcome challenges like social isolation, obesity and chronic disease. We work together for a better quality of life for all of our neighbours, a safer and more engaged community and a brighter future for more local kids and families. For more information, visit:

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