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## News Release

### OH&S Inspections/Rec Complex Update

**Edson, Alberta, February 7th, 2018** – Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) has concluded their inspections of the Edson and District Recreation Complex and Repsol Place.

OH&S has been reviewing all facilities with ice plants across the province following the tragic deaths of arena operators in Fernie B.C. in a recent incident.

A number of orders have been implemented for both facilities to ensure proper safety procedures are followed, and new policies/procedures are being put in place to ensure a safe environment for our staff and our residents.

As outlined previously, one such order was a stop-order on the running of the ice plant at the Edson and District Recreation Complex. This was due to the discovery of asbestos in the ice plant and fire suppression rooms, as well as the curling arena area. These specific areas are currently off limits until a team can advise on steps to take to deal with the asbestos. The remainder of the facility remains open at this time.

"While this is an unfortunate situation for staff and user groups of that area, safety is our number one priority and we must abide by OH&S orders," said Town of Edson Chief Administrative Officer Mike Derricott.

Council will be reviewing all options once more information on the asbestos removal process comes to light. At this time, the Request for Proposal process will continue with the new information being made available to any prospective purchasers.

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