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Chestermere Regional Recreation Centre to Close Unexpectedly

September 25, 2019 – The Chestermere Regional Community Association (CRCA) has been advised our facility is set to be closed on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 5 p.m. by Rocky View County due to potential structural concerns. **We would like our members to know the building has been deemed safe by our certified structural engineers (Stantec Consulting Ltd.) and we strongly feel there is no reason to close the facility at this time. However, the safety of our users is paramount.**

Prior to this decision, in an effort to ensure our facility is in top working condition, the CRCA was engaged in proactive structural maintenance of our building. This pre-emptive maintenance is required in light of a commissioned third-party structural audit, which highlighted that some additional support and repair is necessary to the roof of the Red addition, should a significant snow event occur. The CRCA was in the process of beginning these repairs and communicating this to members when today's announcement was made.

"This misguided, surprising and unfortunate decision made by the Rocky View County has caught the CRCA as off-guard as it has the entire community. We are saddened by this decision and are currently trying to reach out to thousands of our effected members and user groups to put alternate arrangements in place," says CRCA Board President, Paul Godley.

It is business as usual for the time being. All recreation programs and venue bookings will continue to take place in the centre until Friday, September 27 at 5 p.m. In the meantime, we are working quickly to move all on-site partners such as out-of-school care to different facilities, pending this closure. All off site recreation programs will continue to run as normal. We will be in touch with effected members once arrangements have been made. We will not be issuing refunds until the direction of the building has been decided.

The CRCA is dedicated to providing a safe and fun recreation environment for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to working with the City of Chestermere and Rocky View County to ensure our building will remain viable for residents for years to come. We will endeavour to update our members and community as soon as further information becomes available.

About:

The Chestermere Regional Community Association (CRCA) is a full-service, not for profit recreation centre in the City of Chestermere, Alberta. It's known as a daily destination point and gathering place for the community and attracts over 150,000+ visitors annually. The Centre is the primary recreational facility for thousands of community residents in the City of Chestermere, Rocky View County, and the Hamlets of Delacour, Dalroy, Conrich, Indus and Langdon.

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