

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT - ALBERTA
ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**To: Sunset Resorts Canmore
109, 1151 Sidney Street
Canmore, Alberta T1W 3G1
Vern Mazur-Manager**

Re: The Swimming Pool located in Canmore, Alberta and municipally described as:

Sunset Resorts Whirlpool
109, 1151 Sidney Street
Canmore, Alberta

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted swimming pool pursuant to the provisions of the **Public Health Act**, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted swimming pool which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. Free chlorine level of the whirlpool water was 1.2ppm. Feed for the sodium hypochlorite was not connected to the sodium hypochlorite.
- b. pH of the whirlpool water was <6.8.
- c. Alkalinity of the whirlpool water was 10 ppm.
- d. Automated monitoring equipment was not accurate.
- e. Daily records of free chlorine, combined chlorine and pH are not being maintained.
- f. Alkalinity is not being checked and recorded weekly.
- g. Water sample taken from the whirlpool on January 18, 2010 showed the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria.
- h. No soap in showers.
- i. No signage in pool area indicating: no lifeguard on duty, children up to 14 years must be supervised, do not swim alone, no pets allowed (except for assistance animals, no street shoes in wet traffic areas and no bather may be intoxicated while using the facility.
- j. Lacking written policies regarding actions to be taken when standards for free chlorine, combined chlorine, and pH are not being met, as well as a general sanitation plan.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation, Alberta Regulation

293/2006 and the Pool Standards (2006) for the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (Alberta) exist in and about the above noted swimming pool, namely:

- a. Free chlorine level of the whirlpool water was 1.2ppm. Feed for the sodium hypochlorite was not connected to the sodium hypochlorite.
- b. This is in contravention of Section 11(1)(b) of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation.
- c. pH of the whirlpool water was <6.8. This is in contravention of Sec 11(3) of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation.
- d. Alkalinity of the whirlpool water was 10 ppm. This is in contravention of Part 3, Section 3(3) of the Pool Standards, 2006.
- e. Automated monitoring equipment was not calibrated. This is in contravention of Section 12(2)(b) of the Pool Standards, 2006.
- f. Daily records of free chlorine, pH and whirlpool water temperature are not being maintained. This is in contravention of Sec 14(2) of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation and Part 3, Section 4(1) of the Pool Standards.
- g. Alkalinity is not being checked and recorded weekly. This is in contravention of Part 3, Section 3(3) of the Pool Standards.
- h. Water sample taken from the whirlpool on January 18, 2010 showed the presence of Pseudomonas aeruginosa bacteria. This is in contravention of Section 16(b) of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation.
- i. No soap in showers. This is in contravention of Part 4, Section 5(2) of the Pool Standards, 2006.
- j. No signage in pool area indicating: no lifeguard on duty, children up to 14 years must be supervised, do not swim alone, no pets allowed (except for assistance animals, no street shoes in wet traffic areas and no bather may be intoxicated while using the facility. This is in contravention of Part 4, Section 2(1) of the Pool Standards.
- k. Lacking written policies regarding actions to be taken when standards for free chlorine, combined chlorine, and pH are not being met, as well as a general sanitation plan. This is in contravention of Part 4, Sections 4 and 5 of the Pool Standards.

AND WHEREAS by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **closed**;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner **immediately close** the above noted swimming pool and secure it from unauthorized entry.
2. That the Owner undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted swimming pool, namely:
 - a. Maintain the free chlorine of the whirlpool water at a minimum of 2.0ppm & ensure the feed line for the sodium hypochlorite is always connected when pool is in operation.
 - b. Maintain the pH of the whirlpool water between 6.8 and 7.6.
 - c. Maintain the alkalinity of the whirlpool water between 80 to 120 ppm.
 - d. Calibrate the automated monitoring equipment.
 - e. Test and record the free chlorine, pH and whirlpool water temperature daily.
 - f. Test and record the alkalinity of the whirlpool water a minimum of once per week.

- g. Submit a whirlpool water sample that is of satisfactory microbiological quality.
 - h. Provide soap in the shower.
 - i. Provide signage in the pool area that conforms to all requirements of Part 4, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pool Standards, 2006.
 - j. Develop a written response plan for water quality issues and a general sanitation plan which meets the requirements of the Pool Standards, 2006 (Alberta) and demonstrate the ability to monitor whirlpool water parameters when the trained pool operator is not available.
3. That until such time as the work referred to in paragraph 2, items a through j, is completed to the satisfaction of the undersigned, or an executive officer of Alberta Health Services, and the water sample referred to as item g above is shown to be of satisfactory microbiological quality, the above noted swimming pool shall remain closed and secured from unauthorized entry.

Dated at Canmore, Alberta, this 26th day of January, 2010 confirming verbal order given on the 26th day of January, 2010.

Diane Luka
Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

Section 5(2) of the Public Health Act provides that a person who is directly affected by this Order and considers himself or herself aggrieved hereby may appeal the same to the Public Health Appeal Board, 24th Floor, Telus Plaza North Tower, 10025 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton AB T5J 2N3, within ten (10) days. The terms of this Order remain in effect notwithstanding the filing or proposed filing of any such appeal.

The Owner is advised that the Public Health Act empowers Alberta Health Services to carry out the terms of this Order on the Owner's behalf and at the Owner's expense should the Owner fail to comply with the terms hereof.

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