

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTICE OF CLOSURE

To: Sunny Chinooks Camping Association
"the Owner"

Sandi Berg
John Gerard
Heike Meyer-Soules
Bruce Stensland
"the Directors"

RE: The "Whirlpool" located in Mountain View County, Alberta and municipally described as:
Sunny Chinooks Camping Association – Whirlpool, 5048 Township Road 342.

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises 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 premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. The disinfection method uses bromine, which does not provide a free chlorine residual in the pool.
- b. The pool is not equipped with automated chemical feeding and monitoring equipment
- c. A circulation flow meter was not installed resulting in the inability to determine the pools recirculation rate
- d. Weekly biological water samples were not being submitted
- e. An anti-entrapment plan has not been developed or implemented for the pool. Anti-entrapment hazards have not been assessed, and it has not been verified that the existing anti-entrapment devices comply with the requirements outlined in the Pool Standards
- f. The daily water chemistry testing was not documented and available for review.
- g. The facility was operating without a pool permit.
- h. There was no certified pool operator in care and control of the facility.
- i. There were no written policies governing the operation of the pool.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Public Swimming Pools Regulation, Alberta Regulation 204/2014 and the Pool Standards there under exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. The disinfection method uses bromine, which does not provide a free chlorine residual in the pool. This is in violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014, section 13(2) which states: "The method of disinfection must provide a free chlorine residual in the public swimming pool at the levels set out in the Pool Standards when the public swimming pool is in use".

- b. The pool is not equipped with automated chemical feeding and monitoring equipment. This is in violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014, section 15(1) which states: "A public swimming pool must be equipped with automated chemical feeding and monitoring equipment for pH and chlorine"
- c. A circulation flow meter was not installed resulting in the inability to determine the pools recirculation rate. This is in violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014, section 11(b) which states: "In accordance with the Pool Standards, a pool must be maintained in a state of repair that provides for the safe and sanitary operation of the pool"
- d. Weekly biological water samples were not being submitted. This is in violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014, section 19(1)(a) which states: "A sample of the water in a public swimming pool must be taken and submitted to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health for microbiological testing in accordance with the Pool Standards every week"
- e. An anti-entrapment plan has not been developed or implemented for the pool. Anti-entrapment hazards have not been assessed, and it has not been verified that the existing anti-entrapment devices comply with the requirements outlined in the Pool Standards. This is in violation of the Pool Standards, section 9.1 which states: "Every owner or owner's agent, if any, must assess anti-entrapment risks, develop and implement an appropriate anti-entrapment plan to meet the requirements of this section". This is also in violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014, section 23(1) which states: "A public swimming pool, other than a water spray park, must be equipped with anti-entrapment devices that meet the requirements set out in the Pool Standards to prevent the entrapment of patrons on suction outlets"
- f. The daily water chemistry testing was not documented and available for review. This is in violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014, section 17(1) which states: "An owner, the owner's agent, if any, or the pool operator must monitor the quality of water in the public swimming pool routinely and keep proper records of testing results and readings."
- g. The facility was operating without a pool permit, which is a violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014 section 7(1) which states: "No person shall operate a pool without a permit issued in accordance with this section"
- h. There was no certified pool operator in care and control of the facility. This is in violation of the Pool Standards, section 1.1(a) which states: "The pool operator must be certified by an organization that is on the List of Approved Pool Operator Education Organizations approved by the Minister."
- i. There were no written policies governing the operation of the pool. This is in violation of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation AR204/2014, section 24(1) which states: "The owner or the owner's agent, if any, must develop and maintain written policies and implement plans for those policies in accordance with the Pool Standards respecting (a) safety and supervision of all patrons, (b) education of all patrons regarding use of the pool, including posting of rules regarding use of the pool, (c) response to water quality issues, including fecal contamination, (d) general sanitation, and (e) any other matters required by an executive officer."

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 premises.
2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
 - a. Ensure the method of disinfection provides a free chlorine residual in the pool at the levels set out in the Pool Standards.
 - b. Ensure the pool is equipped with automated chemical feeding and monitoring equipment.
 - c. Install a circulation flow meter on the line returning to the pool.
 - d. Submit weekly water samples to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health for microbiological testing.
 - e. Conduct an assessment of anti-entrapment risks, develop and implement an appropriate anti-entrapment plan and provide a copy of the plan to Alberta Health Services for review and approval.
 - f. Ensure pool water quality is routinely monitored and testing records are maintained as outlined in the Pool Standards.
 - g. Ensure an application is made for a pool permit and a permit is issued. You must not operate without a permit.
 - h. Ensure there is a certified pool operator, as outlined in the Pool Standards, who is in care and control of the facility.
 - i. Develop and maintain written policies and implement plans for those policies in accordance with the Pool Standards respecting (a) safety and supervision of all patrons, (b) education of all patrons regarding use of the pool, including posting of rules regarding use of the pool, (c) response to water quality issues, including fecal contamination, (d) general sanitation, and (e) any other matters required by an executive officer.
3. That until such time as the work referred to above is completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain closed.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Olds, Alberta, August 14, 2026

Confirmation of an email order issued to Sandi Berg and John Gerard on August 13, 2026.

(Original Signed)
Peter Cronhelm, CPHI(C)
Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

If you have any questions regarding the order, contact Environmental Public Health at 1-833-476-4743 or
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph/eph.aspx>

You have the right to appeal

A person who is directly affected by a decision may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

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Electronic versions of the Public Health Act and Regulations are available at the Alberta King's Printer Bookstore 10611 - 98 Avenue, Main Floor, Park Plaza, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2P7 or
<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx>.

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