

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTICE OF CLOSURE

To: **1608932 Alberta Ltd**
"the Owner"

Bob Ghotra
"the operator"

RE: The "pool" located in Medicine Hat, Alberta and municipally described as:
EconoLodge Inn & Suites, 773 8 Street SW

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. Free available Chlorine was measured at 0.02 mg/l (ppm).
- b. pH was greater than 7.6.
- c. Water samples have not been submitted to the provincial laboratory since January 2025
- d. There was not sufficient volume of water to allow water to enter the skimmers for the recirculation system.
- e. Chemical parameters in the pool were not being monitored.
- f. Records were not being kept for pool chemical parameters.

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. Free available Chlorine was measured at 0.02 mg/l. The automated dispenser did not have sufficient supply of chlorine to adjust the chlorine level. This is in contravention of AR 204/2014 s 14; Pool Standards, July 2014 (Amended January 2018) s 4.1.1 which states the minimum free chlorine residual in a public swimming pool must be maintained as follows: 1.0 milligram per litre in a public swimming pool with an operating water temperature of not greater than 30 degrees Celsius.
- b. pH was greater than 7.6. The automated dispenser indicated that the pH was 8.4, but was set to 7.3. This is in contravention of AR 204/2014 s 14; Pool Standards, July 2014 (Amended January 2018) s 4.4 which states the pH of the water in a public swimming pool must be maintained at no less than 6.8 and no greater than 7.6.
- c. Water samples have not been submitted to the provincial laboratory since January 2025. The last sample submitted was rejected by the laboratory due to a lack of information on the requisition form, prior samples in 2024 were processed. This is in contravention of AR

204/2014 s 19 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.

- d. There was not sufficient volume of water to allow water to enter the skimmers for the recirculation system. The water level was completely below one skimmer. The water level was at the bottom of the opening of another skimmer. The third skimmer had some water flowing into it. There is no main drain for this basin, all water to the recirculation system is supplied by the skimmers. This is in contravention of AR 204/2014 s 12; Pool Standards, 2014 (Amended January 2018) s 3.2 which states when a public swimming pool is in use, it must be operated to maximize the flow of the water through the skimming devices.
- e. Chemical parameters in the pool were not being monitored. The operator has been away and the pool water has not been tested on a daily basis. This is in contravention of AR 204/2014 s 17 (2) which states Tests and readings for free chlorine, combined chlorine and pH must be conducted in accordance with the Pool Standards during the normal operating hours of a public swimming pool as often as is necessary to enable the owner, the owner's agent, if any, or the pool operator to demonstrate water quality.
- f. Records were not being kept for pool chemical parameters. There were no records available to record the results of chemical parameters. This is in contravention of AR 204/2014 s 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.

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. Maintain Free Available Chlorine above 1.0 mg/l (ppm).
 - b. Maintain pH between 6.8 and 7.6.
 - c. Submit water samples to the provincial laboratory for analysis.
 - d. Increase water level in the basin to allow the skimmers to supply water to the recirculation system.
 - e. Monitor and record chemical parameters of the water in the pool basin.
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 Medicine Hat, Alberta, 2026 January 23

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Bob Ghotra on 2026 January 23

Executive Officer Alberta Health Services

You have the right to appeal

A person who **a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and
b) feels himself aggrieved by the 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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