



## **Press Release: Fox Creek Derald Palmer Memorial Arena**

On February 23, 2018 material was reported seeping out of some cinder blocks in the Zamboni Room of the arena. As it was suspected that this material could contain asbestos, the Town contacted a qualified company to analyze the material and it was proven to contain asbestos.

The Town then had a company analyze the air quality in 5 areas consisting of: the Zamboni room, dressing rooms 2 & 4, the lobby, the men's public washroom and the bleachers. These results came back 10 times lower than what Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) considers safe (reading of 0.01 while OH&S considers above 0.1 to pose a risk to health).

Yesterday, March 20, 2018, OH&S arrived to investigate after receiving a complaint of potential asbestos contamination.

Because the presence of materials containing asbestos has been confirmed in the Zamboni Room, there was reason to believe that asbestos could be released inside the building. At that time OH&S made the decision to issue a Stop Work Order at the arena.

This order directs the Town to safely remove and dispose of this material and seal any areas that more material may seep out of.

The Town will also ensure that there are no other areas within the arena that are compromised enough for asbestos containing material to become dislodged.

SemCAMS has graciously directed one of their contractors to assist the Town in abating the asbestos correctly and safely in a timely manner.

Due to the generous assistance from SemCAMS the Town is anticipating the arena to be open for scheduled events by Friday, March 23, 2018.

Thank you,

Roy Dell  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Fox Creek