



VANCOUVER  
BOARD OF  
PARKS AND  
RECREATION

January 25, 2018

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners  
FROM : Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation  
SUBJECT : Ice Rinks / WorkSafeBC Orders Update

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Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to follow-up on the update request of January 22, 2018.

As part of our approach to recreation we focus on the safety of our employees and the public. This focus is reflected in care for employees, the public and our facilities. As you are aware, WorkSafeBC (WSBC) inspects our operations regularly and on occasion writes Orders to ensure compliance, and safer operations.

Following a fatal ammonia leak in Fernie, British Columbia, late last year, WSBC embarked on inspections of ammonia refrigeration systems at ice rinks across the province. The Board's objective, continuous improvement and ensuring compliance with evidence informed best practices based on new technology and safety procedures. We were pleased our facilities were part of this inspection initiative as it supports our safety focus and assist with continuous improvements.

Verbal feedback from WSBC Officers was generally positive; however, seven rinks received WSBC orders, totaling 46 overall. While we have action items, be assured that our rinks are operating safely without undue risk to our employees or the public.

By January 19th we had addressed 23 Orders and provided WSBC with a written response to all the Orders together with a plan to address the remaining orders.

We continue to work as a team and with WorkSafeBC to ensure full compliance, and that we remain leaders in the areas of health and safety.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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Donnie Rosa  
Director of Recreation - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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