



## Emergency Public Statement

### Ignace Recreational Complex Temporarily Closed Until Further Notice

**Ignace, ON April 12, 2023** – Please note that our Recreational Complex will be temporarily closed until further notice. This is due to structural damages caused by falling ice and snow from the rooftop which comprised a portion of the south wall, doorframes, and entrance way.

On April 12, 2023, after an inspection by a Ministry of Labour representative, the Township of Ignace was provided a notice that the recreational complex must be temporarily closed until further structural inspections can take place. During the weekend, melting ice and snow drifted off the roof of the arena, falling and causing significant damage to a portion of the complex. After the inspection, it was quickly decided that the Recreational Complex must be temporarily closed until an inspection of the damaged areas can take place by structural engineers, assessed for damage and repairs issued and completed.

This is a significant compromise of the structural south wall and supporting beams, and no risks will be taken during the assessment of the situation to ensure the health and safety of the public.

“Unfortunately, we must temporarily close the Recreational Complex due to significant damage from falling ice and snow which has compromised the engineering structure of the building. For the safety of the public, our staff and users of the building we have been ordered by the Ministry of Labour to temporarily close the complex until a full assessment and repairs can be undertaken” stated Interim Mayor Kim Baigrie.

As such, the gym area, hockey arena, bowling, teams in motion and shuffle board leagues and play will all be suspended until further notice. We sincerely apologize for the cancellations and temporary closure of the complex, but we will not compromise the safety of anyone during this repair phase of the Recreational Complex.

More information will become available in the near future and will be shared with the community.

For other information, please feel free to contact the main office at 807-934-2202.