



## NEWS RELEASE

### PCU CENTRE POOL TO CLOSE THIS FALL UNTIL SUMMER 2017

**September 14, 2016, Portage la Prairie**--The PCU Centre in Portage la Prairie today announced that, for structural safety reasons, its aquatic centre will close late fall this year and will remain closed until next summer. Expected closing date is October 31.

A recent building assessment has revealed structural components of the roof in the pool area are deteriorating and must be replaced. While the structure is currently safe, its integrity cannot be assured under a heavy snow load.

“The safety of our patrons is our highest priority. For that reason, the pool must close during snow season and remain closed until its roof can be repaired next summer,” said PCU Centre general manager David Sattler. “We understand this will be disappointing and inconvenient to pool users, and we are working hard to develop alternative aquatic programming at other local venues.”

The Portage Regional Recreation Authority (PRRA), which owns and manages PCU Centre, announced it has filed an application in Court of Queen’s Bench in relation to this matter.

“The pool roof has to be replaced during the warm months, so most repairs will take place in late spring and early summer next year,” said Sattler. “We expect the repairs will be accomplished in time for the fall 2017 swim schedule.”

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