



EXCESSIVE WINDS DAMAGE ROOF OF NEW LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY BUILDING

Construction contractor Casman to assume all costs resulting from natural damage to the site

Sangudo, Alberta, Wednesday April 13, 2016 – Due to winds in excess of 90 km/hr, part of the roof of the new County Administration Building under construction suffered damage. This event occurred during the late evening hours on Friday, April 8. Shortly thereafter, County Administrators were notified and representatives from Casman Group of Companies, the County's building contractor for the project, were on site to assess the situation. This event did not, and does not, pose any safety risk to County staff, Casman employees or the general public.

"We wish to reassure ratepayers that there will be no additional cost to the County resulting from the recent nature-borne damage to the structure," stated Kerry Compagnion, Casman's Project Manager for the new County building. "We recently took the added measure of double-bracing the roof structure in anticipation of strong spring winds. However, no unfinished roof is likely to withstand the extreme wind pressures that were encountered last night (April 8)."

In addition to assuming all costs involved in clean-up and replacement of the damaged roof, Mr. Compagnion noted that he did not foresee any significant impact to the project's construction schedule. "Casman will staff up accordingly to mitigate any possible timeline issues related to last night's event," he added.

"Despite this minor setback to the project, we are thankful that no one was injured in any way," stated Lac Ste. Anne County Mayor Bill Hegy. "Council remains confident in Casman's steadfast commitment to stringent safety protocols, and is satisfied by Casman's undertaking to indemnify the County against any cost or scheduling impacts that may ensue."

At the time of release, a Casman crew has begun site cleanup. Mr. Compagnion anticipates completion by the end of the day.

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