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Statement from the District of Summerland

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We are aware that Ed Casavant has been arrested and charged. Mr. Casavant worked as a lifeguard and aquatic centre supervisor for over 30 years. He retired in late 2018.

The charges are extremely serious and unsettling, and we condemn the actions of anyone found guilty of such crimes. In the meantime, we must trust the justice system to undertake a thorough process.

Mayor Toni Boot states: “We recognize this situation is deeply upsetting to our community – to any community. It’s upsetting to us as well. We know people will have questions, and we will do our best to answer them when it is appropriate and when we have the authorities’ permission to do so.

“Our focus is on ensuring those impacted by these alleged incidents get the help they need and taking further steps to prevent this kind of thing from happening in the future.”

“We want all Summerland residents and visitors to know that public safety, and particularly the safety and well-being of our children, matters most. We will do everything in our power to provide municipal facilities where people can feel comfortable, safe and free from harm or discrimination.”

Because the case is now before the courts, we are unable to comment further on the specifics of the case at this time.

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