

TO: All owners of units in the Penhorwood Condominiums

AND TO: Condominium Corporation No. 0321365

By now you will have received your copy of the Order issued under the *Safety Codes Act*, directing that the Penhorwood condominium buildings be demolished by September 30, 2014 and advising you that if the buildings are not demolished by that date the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo may, on the direction of the Safety Codes Officer, carry out the demolition.

At the bottom of the last page of that Order, under the heading “Advisement of Offence” is a statement that non-compliance with the Order is an offence under the *Safety Codes Act*, together with information as to the maximum fines upon conviction for that offence.

All of that last page, including this statement at the end, was attached to the Order because a regulation requires it to be there. **Please be assured that the Regional Municipality has absolutely no intention of charging or prosecuting anyone for not demolishing these buildings.** The Order itself is simply the legal mechanism by which the Regional Municipality obtains the authority to demolish the buildings, which our Safety Codes Officer believes is necessary because of the safety risk the buildings pose due to their condition. The Order was not intended as any kind of threat of prosecution, and we deeply regret that some of you read it that way.

The Order that was served upon all of you should have been accompanied by a covering letter, much like this one, to explain all of this to you. We understand that our failure to do so has caused many of you a great deal of stress, and for that we sincerely apologize. We do realize that all of you have lost a great deal, and suffered a great deal, over the Penhorwood situation and we do not wish to add to your pain and your stress in any way. We will strive to do better in the days and weeks to come, to keep you informed of coming developments in a respectful manner.

Original signed by:

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