



ETERNAL MEMORIALS ASBESTOS SURVEY REPORT



February 2014

Prepared For: City of Saskatoon – Infrastructure Services Department
1101 Avenue P North, Saskatoon SK, Canada S7L 7K6
Attn: Brent Anderson

Prepared By: Bersch & Associates Ltd.
Project No. : B67SRB04

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The asbestos audit of the Eternal Memorials located at 1502 2nd Avenue north Saskatoon, SK. entailed the inspection of all accessible suspect asbestos-containing materials (ACM) located within the facility. Materials inspected included insulation materials, floor covering materials, ceiling tiles and textured ceiling material. Please refer to *Appendix I for Bulk Sample Analysis* results.

- No accessible asbestos-containing materials were identified within Eternal Memorials building.
- **Any material located within ceilings, wall cavities, pipe chases or other inaccessible areas or areas of limited access shall be considered asbestos-containing until testing of the material can determine the presence or absence of asbestos.**

Note: Small amounts of vermiculite insulation was observed mixed in with wood chips insulation within the attic space at the access. The material was tested but not enough was able to be obtained to provide an accurate sample. Prior to any action pertaining to disturbing the attic space further testing should be done to confirm the presence or absence of asbestos vermiculite insulation.

Included in *Appendix II* of this report is a Floor Plan of the facility.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Bersch & Associates Ltd. was retained by the City of Saskatoon to conduct an Asbestos Survey and Hazard Assessment of the building located at 1502 2nd Avenue North, presently leased to Eternal Memorials. The survey entailed the inspection of all accessible areas of the facility; including ceiling spaces, pipe chases, and attics. The purpose of the survey was to locate, identify and assess the condition of all Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) located throughout the facility. Due to the facility having no asbestos containing materials found to be present within it, the facility will be in compliance with the Province of Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations pertaining to ACM within a building. Dustin Fraess of Bersch & Associates Ltd. completed the survey in February 2014.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

Bersch & Associates Ltd. conducted the survey of the Eternal Memorials in February 2014. The primary documents for guidance and criteria in this survey were the Province of Saskatchewan “Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, 1996”, Province of Saskatchewan “Managing Asbestos”, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency “Guidance for Controlling Asbestos Containing Materials in Buildings”. The USEPA document identifies factors associated with the “condition” and the “potential for disturbance or erosion” of asbestos containing materials (ACM). These factors help to determine potential for exposure to ACM and

were used to make a qualitative evaluation of the material. It should be noted that the recommendation of “Management” Asbestos Abatement Action is based upon the premise that renovations are not scheduled in that area that will require disturbing or violating the asbestos containing material. In the event that renovations are scheduled further testing may be necessary.

In total, ten (10) bulk samples of suspect asbestos-containing materials were collected within the Eternal Memorials building. As a result no asbestos was detected within the materials sampled. Refer to Appendix I for a copy of the Bulk Sample Analysis Report. All bulk samples collected were analyzed by Bersch & Associates Ltd. laboratory in accordance with the current U.S. 40 CFR Part 763, Vol. 52, No.210 for the analysis of asbestos in building materials using polarized light microscopy and dispersion staining techniques. The detection limit of this method is listed as less than 1%.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

No accessible asbestos-containing materials were identified within the Eternal Memorials therefore there are no recommendations to mention. Although unlikely due to bulk sample results, please note that any material located within ceiling spaces, wall cavities, pipe chases or other inaccessible areas or areas of limited access should be treated as asbestos-containing until testing of the material can determine the presence or absence of asbestos.

5.0 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT DISCUSSION

Although no accessible asbestos was identified within the facility, the following is provided for informational purposes.

Asbestos is a known carcinogen and is listed in the Province of Saskatchewan under the Occupational Health and Safety Appendix, Part V as a Hazardous Chemical Substance and any release of asbestos fibres into the atmosphere creates a potential health hazard. Although the mechanism and epidemiology of asbestos carcinogenesis is not yet well defined, accumulating evidence suggests the significance of exposure at even very low fibre concentrations and hence human exposure should be kept to a minimum. It should be noted however that asbestos is a natural mineral and a measurable background concentration can be detected in any location sampled (inside buildings, outside buildings, urban, rural, etc.). The recommendations of the report are therefore intended to keep the potential exposure to an absolute minimum with the knowledge that a zero exposure is not possible.

Asbestos containing materials have been used in a wide variety of applications. Of particular concern, is the group of so called friable products. A friable product is one which can be crumbled or reduced to powder or smaller fragments by hand pressure. Publications from the U.S.E.P.A. as early as 1977 have indicated the potential hazard of asbestos exposure in buildings containing these friable products. The two main uses of friable asbestos products are as spray insulation (thermal, acoustic or fireproofing) on deck and/or beams or as thermal insulation on piping or mechanical equipment. A large amount of non-friable asbestos-containing materials

have also been used in building construction such as asbestos cement board and asbestos containing vinyl flooring.

The mere presence of a friable asbestos containing material does not imply that there is an actual presence of elevated airborne fibre. As numerous studies have indicated, elevated asbestos fibre levels are generally found when settled dust or the actual asbestos containing material itself is disturbed by maintenance, renovation, inadvertent contact or vibration. The factors considered in the Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) exposure assessment (condition of material, water damage, activity, movement, exposed surface area, accessibility, friability and presence in an air stream) often give some indication of the likelihood of fibre release but are not in any way definitive in determining whether a hazard exists or not. That is, even if the most friable product exists in a building, elevated fibre levels will not likely occur unless there is some disturbance by physical contact, vibration or an air stream.

There are four possible approaches to control exposure to airborne asbestos once a friable material is identified in a building. These methods briefly are as follows:

- A) Removal** - Asbestos material is removed and disposed of by burial and replaced by non-asbestos materials.
- B) Encapsulation** - Asbestos material is coated with a bridging or penetrating sealant.
- C) Enclosure** - Asbestos containing materials are separated from the building environment by barriers such as suspended ceilings or cladding materials.
- D) Deferred Action or Management and Custodial Control** - The Province of Saskatchewan Human Resources, Labor and Employment Branch under the Occupational health and Safety Regulations publish a document outlining “The Management of Asbestos”. In the guide for compliance, an action plan is outlined for management of the asbestos materials identified and in summary is:
 - 1. Identification, which has been accomplished by this report.
 - 2. Development of Written Handling Procedures for maintenance personnel or often arrangements are made for a qualified contractor to conduct the necessary removal or spot maintenance prior to the regular staff conducting maintenance.
 - 3. Asbestos Abatement Awareness and Process Training if the regular maintenance personnel are required to conduct asbestos related activities.
 - 4. Inspection on regular basis is conducted to determine the ongoing condition of the material.

6.0 REFERENCES

- .1 Province of Saskatchewan "The Occupational Health and Safety Act and The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations" Office Consolidation, December 1996.
- .2 Province of Saskatchewan Human Resources, Labor, and Employment "The Management of Asbestos" January, 1991.
- .3 USEPA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Guidance for Controlling Asbestos-Containing Materials in Buildings". Washington, DC: Office of Toxic Substances, USEPA.
- .4 Midwest Centre for Occupational Health & Safety St. Paul's, Minnesota – Asbestos Training For Inspectors & Management Planners
- .5 McCrone Research Institute Course Hayward California " Asbestos Identification"
- .6 Environment Management and Protection Act, Saskatchewan Environment, October 2002
- .7 Hazardous Substances and waste Dangerous Goods Regulations, Saskatchewan Environment, April 1989

APPENDIX I

BULK SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

BERSCH & ASSOCIATES LTD.

February 5, 2014

City of Saskatoon
Infrastructure Services Department
1101 Avenue P North
Saskatoon, Sk.
S7L 7K6

ATTENTION: Brent Anderson

SUBJECT: Eternal Memorials – Bulk Sample Report

Please find attached our laboratory's results for the bulk material samples taken from the Eternal Memorials building located at 1502 2nd Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK. The samples were analyzed in our laboratory for the identification of asbestos.

The results for the samples submitted were obtained by examination in accordance with the current USEPA 600/R-93/116 Method for the analysis of asbestos in building materials using polarized light microscopy and dispersion staining techniques. The detection limit of this method is listed as less than 1% by volume.

This test report relates only to the materials sent for examination and any use or extension of the information by the client of these results is the responsibility of the client. If any questions arise on the results of the attached information please contact our office. Thank you for this opportunity of service to your firm.

Sincerely,

Wes Berschminsky
Bersch & Associates Ltd.
File: B67BLB04

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Humboldt, Sask. S0K 2A0

BULK SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT**PROJECT NO. B67.14****CLIENT: City of Saskatoon****Infrastructure Services - Facilities Branch****Contact: Brent Anderson****Location: Eternal Memorials - 1502 2nd Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK.**

NO.	DATE	SAMPLE INFORMATION	ASBESTOS	%	ANALYST
1	4-Feb-14	B03 Furnace Room- Fresh air duct insulation	None detected		WB
2	4-Feb-14	B03 Furnace Room- Drywall compound	None detected		WB
3	4-Feb-14	B02- 2' x 4' suspended ceiling tile	None detected		WB
4	4-Feb-14	B02- Insulation above suspended ceiling tile	None detected		WB
5	4-Feb-14	B01- Brick mortar in upper southwest corner	None detected		WB
6	4-Feb-14	102 Washroom- Sheet flooring, blue/ brown/ tan speckle pattern	None detected		WB
7	4-Feb-14	Electrical Closet adjacent 102- 1' x 1' acoustical ceiling tile	None detected		WB
8	4-Feb-14	Attic- Insulation material	None detected		WB
9	4-Feb-14	100- Stipple textured ceiling material	None detected		WB
10	4-Feb-14	Exterior- Textured stucco siding	None detected		WB

APPENDIX II

FLOOR PLANS

- GENERAL NOTES:
1. All dimensions are in millimetres
 2. Drawings are not to be scaled.
 3. All drawings to be read in conjunction with the specifications, unless otherwise noted.
 4. Verify site conditions and location of all utilities prior to the start of construction.
 5. Report all discrepancies to the Consultant.
 6. If in doubt, ask.

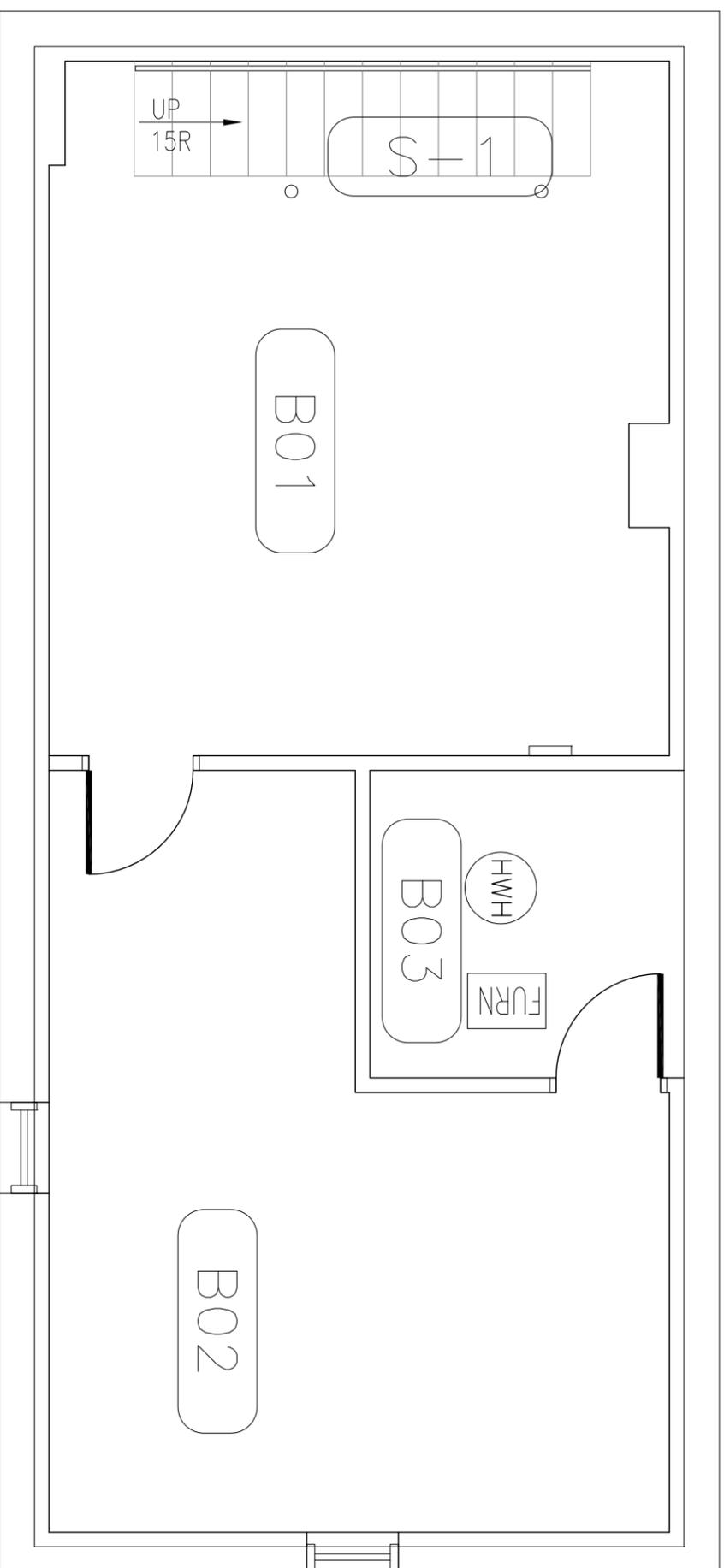
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DESIGNED BY:	JO	CHECKED BY:	DT	REQUESTED BY:
SCALE:	1:100	DATE:	08/06/2001	
SHEET NAME	Main Floor Base Plan			
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PROJECT TITLE	815 Woodlawn Cemetary Office		
PROJECT NO.	SHEET	REV. NO.	



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DESIGNED BY:	DRAWN BY:	CHECKED BY:	REQUESTED BY:
	JB		
SCALE:	DATE:		
1:50	16/01/2006		

SHEET NAME
Lower Level
Base Plan

PROJECT TITLE
815
Woodlawn
Cemetary Office

PROJECT NO.	SHEET
REV. NO.	

BERSCH & ASSOCIATES LTD.

July 16, 2013

City of Saskatoon
Infrastructure Services Department
1101 Avenue P North
Saskatoon, Sk.
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ATTENTION: Brent Anderson

SUBJECT: Woodlawn Cemetery Office - Asbestos Registry Report

Please find attached our laboratory's results for the bulk material samples taken from the Woodlawn Cemetery Office located at 1502 2nd Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK. The samples were analyzed in our laboratory for the identification of asbestos.

The results for the samples submitted were obtained by examination in accordance with the current USEPA 600/R-93/116 Method for the analysis of asbestos in building materials using polarized light microscopy and dispersion staining techniques. The detection limit of this method is listed as less than 1% by volume.

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A floor plan of the facility was not available to identifying the bulk sample locations. Photos of suspect materials sampled are included.

Sincerely,

Dustin Fraess
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PROJECT NO. B67.13

CLIENT: City of Saskatoon

Infrastructure Services - Facilities Branch

Contact: Brent Anderson

Location: Woodlawn Cemetary Office & Admin - 1502 - 2nd Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK.

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BULK SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

NO.	DATE	SAMPLE INFORMATION	ASBESTOS	%	ANALYST
B1	13-May-13	Furnace Room - Pipeline fitting on small line adjacent water heater	None detected		WB
B2	13-May-13	Furnace Room - Duct insulation	None detected		WB

BULK SAMPLE PHOTOS

#1) Pipeline Fitting



#2) Duct Insulation



#3) Sheet Flooring

