

Breaking the ice



Photo by Richard McGuire

Dave Caswell, of Okanagan Basin Water Board, operates the ice breaker and weed tiller machine that breaks up the ice on Osoyoos Lake in preparation for work to control Eurasian Milfoil. The machine not only breaks ice, but it tills the weeds from the bottom of the shallow lake. Conditions for the work are ideal right now, Caswell said. It's cold enough to kill the weeds he stirs up, but it's been mild enough that the ice isn't too thick to allow him to get around.

WorkSafe BC investigation continues after area man was hit and killed by falling boards

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WorkSafe BC Investigators will be looking at all of the workplace factors that may have contributed to this incident, such as, but not limited to, worker training and supervision, the condition and maintenance of equipment, training for use of equipment and for working in the area of mobile equipment, said Megan Johnston, a media and communications officer with Work-

Safe BC.

It's important to understand what contributed to this tragedy so that we can prevent similar accidents from happening in future, she said.

WorkSafeBC won't be making any more public statements about this incident until a complete and thorough investigation has been completed over the next several weeks, she said.

Yellow caution tape was used to cordon off the accident scene

metres from the main entrance to the Osoyoos Cottages on the Lake development late Thursday afternoon.

Once the area had been cordoned off, other contractors working on the large work site were allowed to continue dropping off supplies.

More than 30 homes have already been sold at the Osoyoos on the Lake development. More than 300 homes are scheduled to be built at this site in the next 10 years.

Four model homes

were erected last summer and several more have been completed over the past few months.

Stelkia Construction is one of many sub-contracting companies that has employees working on this project.

Osoyoos RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Kevin Schur said officers were called to the scene and quickly turned the investigation over to WorkSafe BC staff after confirming there was no criminal wrongdoing in relation to this incident.

Osoyoos Home Hardware

Workshop on Feb 19th

Osoyoos Home Hardware is pleased to announce that Joanne Hebig from Designing For You, will be giving a workshop entitled "Freshen up your home" on Feb 19th at 7pm. This workshop will be sure to get your creative juices flowing while working within a strict budget and Donna Watson will be doing a segment called "Freshen your home with flowers".

Please call to register (250-495-6534) No Charge. Space is Limited.



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