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Agreement improves accessibility at Evraz Place

People with disabilities attending events at Evraz Place are likely to notice several accessibility-related improvements that have been made possible by a collaborative settlement agreement. Today, David Arnot, Chief Commissioner of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC), Mr. Mark Allan, President and CEO of Evraz Place, and Mr. Jamie McKenzie signed off on several improvements to the Evraz Place facility. As part of the agreement, changes have been, or will be made in the areas of accessible seating, washroom facilities, and other guest services.

In January, Mr. McKenzie contacted the SHRC with concerns about access and accommodation issues at Evraz Place. "I had some accessibility concerns about the Brandt Centre, about the washrooms and the seating, and now these and other access issues are being worked on," said Mr. Jamie MacKenzie. "The people at Evraz Place are so great to work with."

The SHRC contacted Evraz Place about these concerns and quickly started a mediation process with the goal of resolving the identified concerns in a way that would be amenable to both parties. In a matter of weeks, solutions were created and an implementation plan has already begun. "We are committed to making Evraz Place available and accessible to all as we redevelop our facilities and improve our practices," said Mr. Mark Allan, President and CEO of Evraz Place.

"Bringing people together to create timely and collaborative solutions is a big part of the SHRC's mediation process," said Chief Commissioner David Arnot. "The significant outcomes we see in this situation are positive and restorative for everyone involved. In this case, there are also meaningful and systemic benefits for all people with disabilities who attend events at Evraz Place."

The Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission is the provincial agency responsible for resolving complaints of discrimination related to disability and other protected grounds identified in *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*. Settlement agreements are published at the discretion of the Chief Commissioner.

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