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Council concerned about building safety

The Invercargill City Council is concerned about the implications for buildings in Invercargill City following the IPENZ determination on Mr Anthony Stanley Major (known as Tony Major), Chief Executive Richard King said today.

Mr King said the Invercargill City Council had this afternoon received notification from IPENZ about the determination by its Disciplinary Tribunal, which found Mr Major both negligent and incompetent and expelled him from membership of the institution.

“I have immediately asked IPENZ for advice on the actions that need to be carried out on work undertaken by Mr Major and Council is waiting for their response,” Mr King said.

“In the meantime, if a building owner believes there is an immediate safety issue, they should contact an engineer and inform the Council’s Building Section.

“Once we receive more information from IPENZ we will be communicating further with the community as to what steps building owners should take,” he said.

“I have asked Council staff to search property records to try to identify all projects Mr Major has been involved with, in order to assess any potential safety issues.

“Council’s Manager of Building Regulation Services, Simon Tonkin, will also be contacting Mr Major and builders asking them to forward copies of all addresses for building projects he has worked on in Invercargill,” Mr King said.

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