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Investigation update on 31st Street structure fire

Vernon Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) has concluded its investigation of a major structure fire at a gymnastics facility that occurred last month. Firefighters were dispatched to the fire in the 4700-block of 31st Street at approximately 7:15 a.m. on October 31.

“By the time firefighters received the call, the building was already heavily involved,” said Fire Chief David Lind. “Due to the nature of the fire and the material that was burning inside, crews had to use a defensive approach from the exterior of the building to contain the scene and keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, the outcome of the fire was that the entire building was lost.”

After a comprehensive fire investigation, the fire has been deemed suspicious and the file has been handed over to the RCMP for further investigation. No more information about the fire is available at this time.

“We have heard a lot of stories in the last several days about how this loss has impacted many people in the community,” said Chief Lind.

“Our thoughts continue to be with those who are part of the gymnastics club or enjoyed using the facility. Although this feels like a great loss for many, it has also been encouraging to see how community members have started to rally together and keep moving forward with their love for the sport.”