



# Modernization of the *Workers' Compensation Act and Occupational Health and Safety Act*

## Acts modernization community external advisory group sessions

This is a summary of the feedback received on topics raised by participants at the external advisory group (EAG) sessions in Haines Junction, Watson Lake, Mayo and Dawson.

### Haines Junction - Convention Centre Mezzanine

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Funeral expenses

- After a death, a worker's family could be left for a long period of time without payment for funeral expenses; and
- This could be improved by providing a lump sum to the family at the beginning.

#### Compliance and enforcement

- A worker is injured, tells a doctor, does not tell supervisor. Supervisor received fines from Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board (YWCHSB) for not filing employer report on time on time. This has happened multiple times. Safety representative on staff regularly reminds staff to let them know if they have been injured;
- Supervisors/ safety representatives are not always aware of a worker being injured and reporting to a doctor; and
- Length of time between injury forms being filled out and fines being issued to employer are not reasonable.
  - Some possible solutions to this problem:
    - YWCHSB should send forms to the job site safety officer;
    - The fine period should be lengthened;
    - Job site safety officer would like access to ongoing claims and files of any and all workers (even employees who were injured before the safety officer took the position);
    - Having a report that could be accessed by job site safety officer would allow them to monitor those who have compensation claims, this could be another tool in helping people return to work; and
    - All letters from YWCHSB should be sent to the job site safety officer as well as to the worker.



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## Employers advisor

- Would be good to have someone who was independent from YWCHSB who could guide employers through the claims and appeals process.

## Watson Lake - Recreation Centre Curling Lounge

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Members of the external advisory group in the local community were invited to attend, however no participants attended the event.

## Mayo - Recreation Centre Curling Lounge

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Members of the external advisory group in the local community were invited to attend, however no participants attended the event.

## Dawson - Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre

Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Members of the external advisory group in the local community were invited to attend, however no participants attended the event.