

Joint Occupation Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC) Report to the TFEU Annual General Meeting—May 26, 2015

The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee met on October 23, 2014; November 20, 2014; April 9, 2015; and May 21, 2015. There is another meeting date scheduled on June 18, 2015.

The yearly workplace inspections of all departments have all been completed. The next inspection dates will be determined at the September meeting for the year 2015–16.

Training has been provided regarding the WorkSafe Notice of Compliance.

Additional security precautions were taken at the BCTF building due to the potential that a person who is banned from the building might come to the BCTF.

The JOHSC members and FSD admin staff will be in an eight-hour Bullying & Harassment training session on June 2, 2015. The training will be provided by the BC Federation of Labour.

There were three WCB accident/incident reports filed in 2014–15 which were investigated by the committee.

The committee reviewed the Proactive Indoor Air Quality Monitoring Program report dated January 15, 2015. The results of the testing were within acceptable limits for most areas. Belva Lee will be consulted and will meet with the committee at their next assembly. The Indoor Air Quality Testing is done every 14 months to rotate through the seasons. The next inspection will be done in the summer.

The committee looked at and dealt with a number of issues during the year which included:

- Review of Bill 14, WorkSafe BC's regulations re bullying and harassment in conjunction with the BCTF Respectful Workplace Program (subcommittee) to determine compliance
- Notice of Compliance by WCB related to training of staff around bullying and harassment
- Hot water tap in the staffroom
- Computer related eye strain
- Workstation collapse
- Lock disabled from sliding door in ISD
- PSID closet door left ajar
- Use of hands free sets while driving on BCTF business.

For further details, the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee minutes are posted on the BCTF bulletin board in the staffroom.

The committee reminds members that if they see a situation that requires attention they should act on it and not wait. Please report it to your supervisor, maintenance, or a member of the committee. Your committee is available if you have an issue which you feel requires attention.

Submitted on behalf of the Joint Occupation Health and Safety Committee,

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