

## **Joint Occupation Health & Safety Committee (JOHSC) Report to the TFEU Membership Meeting – November 30, 2017**

Since our last report the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee has met on July 20, 2017, August 17, 2017, September 21, 2017 and October 25, 2017.

The yearly workplace inspections currently up to date.

In order to comply with the changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations regarding Joint Committees the committee has begun a review of our policies and procedures and have plans to put together a policy manual with all the updated changes. A subcommittee has been formed for the requirement of performing an annual evaluation of the Joint Committee which is currently underway. For more information on these changes, please speak to a member of the committee.

Recently the committee has also started the process of performing a risk assessment for the Income Security Department with the objective of identifying the nature and extent of the violence risk to workers and to identify procedures, policies and work environment arrangements which minimize the risk.

On November 9, 2017 committee members participated in a one day workshop provided by the BC Federation of Labour on how to run an effective Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

For further details, the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee minutes are posted on the BCTF bulletin boards 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 Occupational Health and Safety Committee,

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