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Board Releases Independent Evaluation of Employer Consultant Program

The Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board is releasing the independent evaluation of the employer consultant program to Yukon employers, workers and the public.

"The Board of Directors has shared the report with the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, our partner in the employer consultant program, and is seeking the Chamber's comments," said Craig Tuton, Chair of the Board of Directors. "We are doing additional research to determine how similar programs are set up across the country.

"Until that work is complete, the Board has no position on the independent evaluation," said Tuton. "However, we are more than happy to share the report with all employers, workers and the public."

The employer consultant program was established as a two-year pilot project in June 2002. It expired on August 31, 2004. Under a contribution agreement, the YWCHSB provided the Chamber up to \$450,000 over two years to hire an employer consultant to educate and provide advice to employers on workers' compensation, injury prevention, return-to-work programs and related subjects. The agreement stipulated the program would be evaluated.

Following a request for proposals, the successful contractor, Malloch, Graham + Associates, completed the evaluation in February 2005 and presented it to the Board of Directors on March 8. The report is on the YWCHSB's Web site: www.wcb.yk.ca.

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