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YWCHSB Set To Comply With Security Audit Recommendations

WHITEHORSE – In a move to both improve client service and comply with Security Audit recommendations, renovations are set to begin on a portion of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board building in Whitehorse.

“The Board, like other employers, has to be accountable for maintaining a safe workplace and must comply when a hazard control is required,” said Board Chair Craig Tuton. “At the same time, we will be able to improve client service by addressing accessibility and privacy issues in a cost effective manner.”

A 2005 Security Audit pointed out a number of deficiencies in the building's lay out and recommended separating the public zone from the operational zone to improve both security and privacy controls. The new layout will include a wheelchair-accessible front desk, two private rooms for client interviews, space for clients to fill out forms, and printed information display space.

Renovations will begin in mid-April and are expected to cost about \$265,000.

“The Yukon Chamber believes that investing in workplace safety is always a smart move,” said Ernie Bourassa, President of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce. “We all would like to see lower rates, but improved workplace safety is how we'll achieve that. We are confident that the Board will manage this project effectively.”

For a portion of the work, the YWCHSB front entrance will be blocked by the renovations; during this time clients will access the building through the parking lot entrance.

“We support these renovations, which benefit both the workers at the Board and the injured workers they serve,” said Alex Furlong, President of the Yukon Federation of Labour. “We encourage injured workers and other clients to take advantage of the improved service area to get the services they require from the Board.”

The work is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete.

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