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Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board Hosts Information Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board is holding two information meetings as part of its public consultation process on policy CL-35 "Loss of Earnings Benefits." This draft policy is open to public consultation until July 31, 2000.

The two information meetings are being held at the Gold Rush Inn in Whitehorse on July 18 from 6 pm - 9 pm and on July 19 from 1 pm - 4 pm. The meetings will provide the public with a forum for asking questions and submitting comments.

The board is also distributing a public consultation package on the draft policy. The package contains a draft policy statement, background information, a question and answer overview, and a questionnaire.

Packages can be picked up at the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board building on Fourth Avenue and Strickland Street. In the communities, the package is available at territorial agents' offices. People can call the board at (867) 667-5645 or 1-800-661-0443 (tollfree) and request that a copy be mailed to them. The package is also available on the board's website.

Policy CL-35 "Loss of Earnings Benefits" provides a uniform method of calculating earnings loss benefits for disabled workers. CL-35 affects workers who have suffered a work-related disability and are eligible for compensation. As well, it affects employers through the assessments they pay to the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board.

The Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board is a crown corporation that administers both the *Workers' Compensation Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

It is run by a Board of Directors made up of two employer and two worker representatives, a neutral chair and an alternate chair. The chair of the Appeal Tribunal and the president and CEO of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board sit on the Board as non-voting members. Under the *Workers' Compensation Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, the Board of Directors has the power to establish all policies of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board.

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