

MINUTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD FEBRUARY 26 AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE BOARD AND SENATE ROOM

Adoption of the minutes

Mr. Haller moved, seconded by Ms Flores, that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted. The motion PASSED.

A. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. Flammable liquids

Assistant-Chief Affleck referred to two letters concerning containers for chemical waste removal. The following are selected passages from Chuck Rooney's letter, dated June 5, 1984, to Fire Commissioner Anderson.

"For the last ten years, the University has been using five-gallon capacity, heavy-duty plastic containers to collect the waste solvent material in the laboratories. "

"However, in June of 1982, we were advised by Fire Chief H.A. Crawford of the University Endowment Lands Fire Department that we should stop using the five-gallon containers in the University Buildings and replace them with one-gallon containers."

Mr. Rooney outlined four critical problems which would result by using one-gallon containers.

The letter finished with:

"If it is ruled that the regulations apply to the containers used in the chemical waste removal at the University, we would wish to seek an exemption for the reasons described above."

V. Atkinson responded with a letter addressed to Fire Chief W.J. Ferguson, dated January 10, 1985. Portions of that letter are:

"In response to your department's request for recommendations regarding the above mentioned, I attended the University campus and accompanied by Captain S. Affleck inspected a number of the laboratories to observe the method used for the handling of waste chemicals, the collection and subsequent disposal."

The letter continues with five comments concerning the visit and requirements set out by the British Columbia Fire Code Regulation.

The letter closes with:

"While I feel that applying the full requirements of the code would be impractical and would probably create more problems, I would recommend that yourself as Local Assistant Fire Commissioner and being the authority having jurisdiction, should implement a program where the use of plastic containers in the laboratories is eliminated and a more appropriate, probably one self-closing, flame-arrested, stainless steel, 5-gallon container per laboratory, be used.

I feel that this program should take no longer than one year and should be to your satisfaction."

Assistant-Chief Affleck told the committee that he is in negotiations with Mr. Rooney at present. He added that a program must be presented by April 1st or an order will be issued.

- + After a discussion of the history and complexity of the problem, Mr. Haller offered to speak with Mr. Rooney asking that he meet with Mr. Rachuk and Assistant-Chief Affleck to come up with a position paper.

## 2. University Boulevard and Westbrook Traffic Light

Mr. Haller announced that the light has arrived and is being adjusted in the shop. Wiring is being done for a pre-emption device for the Fire Department. He expects the light to be in place in a month.

## 3. Campus Safety Committees

Mr. Grant stated that the new campus safety committee should be set up by April. Apart from the appointment of a new director, this committee will continue as it is.

In response to a question by Mr. Derouin, Mr. Grant said the new director will have contact with those on all levels of the new committee structure. He will report to the Head of Personnel Services, who, in turn, will report to Vice-President Gellatly.

One aim of the new committee will be to have the Department/Area/Building Committees operating more effectively. To begin this, quarterly meetings will be set up with those committees.

Mr. Grant pointed out that Mr. Ferguson will be sending out letters to the D/A/B committees asking for a list of dangerous chemicals.

## B. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Accident and Industrial Disease Report

Mr. Herbert told the committee that the January snow caused an increase in reports of slips and falls. During that month there were no major accident, no broken bones. There were a few strains and cuts. Back problems continue to be the major ailment.

Because some of the accident claims are arriving late, he will issue a form letter to the departments which violate the time restrictions. If money is lost during that time, WCB will not replace it. If the University is penalized for late reporting, the cost will go to the department responsible.

Assistant-Chief Affleck inquired whether the decline in accidents was related to the fact that the staff numbers have gone down.

Mr. Harper requested that the Accident and Industrial Disease report include a category by locations.

### 2. Traffic and Security Report

This report was not presented as the representative was absent.

## C. OTHER BUSINESS

### 1. Lasserre Fire Safety

Assistant-Chief Affleck told us that the conditions in Lasserre had not improved. They had reached the point where the Fire Department was considering closing down the building.

- + Mr. Herbert agreed to meet with Dean Shadbolt and the president of the building safety committee to draw up a course of action to comply with the Fire Department within ten days.
- + Mr. Grant offered to meet with Dean Shadbolt and the President's Office to insist the problem be solved or the building closed.

### 2. Domestic Refrigerator Conversion

Mr. Grant reported that he had spoken with Mr. Potter from Purchasing. He outlined that the correct type of fridges are ordered for certain purposes but people still insist on storing unsafe chemicals in the wrong fridges, even when the units are signed. He stressed that the D/A/B committees must inspect the units during their tours.

- + Mr. Grant will add this to the agenda of the D/A/B committees. He will report back on this matter.

### 3. Bomb Threats

Assistant-Chief Affleck requested that individuals be instructed to NOT activate the fire alarm during a bomb threat. The only exception to this would be the Main Library. In all other instances, The RCMP are to be called. They will evacuate the buildings when they are assured that the escape routes are safe.

### 4. Dangerous Chemicals

Assistant-Chief Affleck asked this committee to approach other committees for inventories of dangerous chemicals. Mr. Herbert suggested that the lists be added to the computer. Assistant-Chief Affleck noted that a program is available on MTS. When Ms Flores inquired if household chemicals were to be included, she was told no. Mr. Harper suggested that the chemicals be listed on the doors. The Fire Department spoke against this and insisted lists be submitted to them.

## 5. Telephone Stickers

Assistant-Chief Affleck presented the committee with a sticker to be placed on telephones. University Endowment Lands would change to UBC campus. See example below:

### UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT LANDS EMERGENCY CALLS

Fire  
Ambulance  
Rescue



228-  
4567

R.C.M.P. — 224-1322

MY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

He asked that this committee fund the printing and distribution of these stickers. Ms Flores pointed out that yellow versions of this were already available. Mr. Derouin's experience is that they are not used campus-wide.

## 7. Dogs on Campus

When Ms Flores inquired about a response concerning Dogs on campus, Mr. Grant answered there had been a positive answer. Now it is waiting to be published in the policy manual. It was reported there is a dog on the third floor of Buchanan.

## Adjournment

Mis Flores moved that the meeting be adjourned.

## NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1985

10:30 - 12:00

BOARD AND SENATE ROOM

**ACCIDENT AND INDUSTRIAL DISEASE REPORT**  
**MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1985**

<b>Accidents Reported:</b>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Involving Wage Loss:	9	20*	42
Involving No Wage Loss:	<u>14</u>	<u>27**</u>	<u>44</u>
Total	<u><u>23</u></u>	<u><u>47</u></u>	<u><u>86</u></u>

<b>Wage Loss Claims By Type of Injury:</b>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Back	3	4	10
Arm or hand	3	6	14
Knee, leg or ankle	1	7	12
Head, neck and shoulder	1	1	5
Eye	0	1	0
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u><u>9</u></u>	<u><u>20</u></u>	<u><u>42</u></u>

<b>Wage Loss Claims By Cause:</b>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Struck by object	0	4	9
Fall from elevation	1	3	4
Fall on same level	3	5	8
Caught in/by object	1	1	1
Pulling/lifting objects	0	3	14
Striking against objects	1	1	2
Contact electricity/heat/cold	0	0	2
Toxic substances	0	0	0
Transportation related	0	0	0
Other	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	<u><u>9</u></u>	<u><u>20</u></u>	<u><u>42</u></u>

<b>Wage Loss By Time of Accident:</b>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
07:01 - 15:00	7	17	32
15:01 - 23:00	2	3	8
23:01 - 07:00	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	<u><u>9</u></u>	<u><u>20</u></u>	<u><u>42</u></u>

<b>Wage Loss By Employee Category:</b>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Managerial/Professional	0	0	0
Teaching	0	0	0
Clerical/Library	2	2	4
Food Services Workers	4	7	3
Janitorial	2	4	4
Miscellaneous Service	0	2	12
Farm/Horticulture	0	2	4
Mechanical Repair	0	0	2
Construction Trades	0	2	8
Vehicle Operators	0	0	2
Technical	1	1	2
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u><u>9</u></u>	<u><u>20</u></u>	<u><u>42</u></u>

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\* One January Claim Disallowed  
 \*\* Three Late Submission Claims

Wage Loss Claims By Department:	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Animal Science	0	0	1
Audio Visual Services	0	0	1
Bookstore	0	1	0
Botanical Gardens	0	1	0
Faculty Club	0	0	1
Faculty of Education	0	0	2
Food Services	4	7	4
Housing and Conferences	2	3	3
Library	0	0	1
Mail Room	0	1	0
Medicine	0	0	1
Pharmaceutical Science	0	0	1
Physical Plant	0	3	20
Poultry Science	1	1	0
Registrar's	2	2	0
Research Forest	0	1	5
Traffic & Security	0	0	2
Total	<u>9</u>	<u>20*</u>	<u>42</u>

Comparison of Worker Days Lost:	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Number of Work Days Lost	239	690
Wage Loss Compensation & Rehabilitation	15,193.90	33,742.39
Medical Aid	5,524.84	8,683.53

Average Cost per Claim:

1) Wage Loss & Rehabilitation	\$ 759	\$ 803
2) Medical Aid	\$ 117	\$ 100

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ACCIDENT AND INDUSTRIAL DISEASE REPORT  
MONTH OF JANUARY, 1985

Accidents Reported:	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Involving Wage Loss:	12	12	23
Involving No Wage Loss:	10	10	25
Total	22	22	48

Wage Loss Claims By Type of Injury:	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Back	1	1	8
Arm or hand	3	3	10
Knee, leg or ankle	6	6	4
Head, neck and shoulder	1	1	1
Eye	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	12	12	23

Wage Loss Claims By Cause:	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Struck by object	4	4	3
Fall from elevation	2	2	3
Fall on same level	2	2	4
Caught in/by object	0	0	0
Pulling/lifting objects	4	4	9
Striking against objects	0	0	1
Contact electricity/heat/cold	0	0	1
Toxic substances	0	0	0
Transportation related	0	0	0
Other	0	0	2
Total	12	12	23

Wage Loss By Time of Accident:	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
07:01 - 15:00	11	11	19
15:01 - 23:00	1	1	3
23:01 - 07:00	0	0	1
Total	12	12	23

Wage Loss By Employee Category:	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Managerial/Professional	0	0	0
Teaching	0	0	0
Clerical/Library	0	0	2
Food Services Workers	3	3	2
Janitorial	2	2	0
Miscellaneous Service	3	3	11
Farm/Horticulture	2	2	1
Mechanical Repair	0	0	2
Construction Trades	2	2	3
Vehicle Operators	0	0	1
Technical	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1
Total	12	12	23

Wage Loss Claims By Department:	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Audio Visual Services	0	0	1
Bookstore	1	1	0
Botanical Gardens	1	1	0
Faculty of Education	0	0	1
Faculty Club	1	1	1
Food Services	3	3	3
Housing and Conferences	1	1	1
Mail Room	1	1	0
Pharmaceutical Science	0	0	1
Physical Plant	3	3	12
Research Forest	1	1	2
Traffic & Security	0	0	1
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>

Comparison of Worker Days Lost:	<u>This Y.T.D.</u>	<u>Last Y.T.D.</u>
Number of Work Days Lost	131	353
Wage Loss Compensation & Rehabilitation	9,036.92	15,749.66
Medical Aid	1,601.69	3,484.04

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10:30 - 12:00

BOARD AND SENATE ROOM

AGENDA

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A. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Flammable liquids (Assistant-Chief Affleck)
2. Traffic Light at University Boulevard and Westbrook (Mr. Haller)
3. Campus Safety Committees (Mr. Grant)

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accident and Industrial Disease Report (Mr. Herbert)
2. Traffic and Security Report (Mr. Slavens)

C. OTHER BUSINESS