STAC Workplace Health & Safety Committee meeting notes Meeting: April 6, 2020; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EDT



Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2020; 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EDT DIAL IN INFO: Toll-free 1-855-343-6177; Local (Toronto): 416-933-3854

Conference ID: 2489769

Action Items:

 STAC to continue work seeking federal recommendations/best practices for employees returning to work following a positive COVID-19 diagnosis

Attendees:

- Nick Kyonka (STAC)
- Isabela Jimenez (STAC)
- Adam Gale (Vertical Specialties)
- Anne-Sophie Tétreault (Cognibox)
- Asma Arefeen (Rogers)
- Behzad Fonouni (Axia)
- Bernard (Cognibox)
- Candice Styre (Tridon)
- Cesar Galvez (Telecon)
- Chris Charlton (Axia)
- Chris Dickson (Wesbell)
- Clay Parchewsky (WesTower)
- Cris Bursugiu (Rigarus)
- Dave Perry (Alliance)
- Dennis Graham (CBC)
- Edwin Gutlay (Highlight Pacific)
- Gurm Brar (Rogers)
- Grant Sill (Trylon)
- Hervé Landreville (Gravi-T Zero)

- Helitha Gunarathna (COMsolve)
- Jeanne Piercey (TEP)
- Jerry Bezner (Alliance)
- John Fuke (3M)
- Jonathan Millette (Pinargon)
- Jordan Camplin (Wesbell)
- Kevin Free (Shaw)
- Ken Ireland (BDCL)
- Logan Bruiners (Morrison Hershfield)
- Luc Dancause (Stantec)
- Luc Marceau (NWS)
- Marc Patry (Stantec)
- Martin Douville (Madysta)
- Mike Edwardson (Villamar)
- Norman Quilichini (Alberta Ag. & Forestry)
- Robert Gagne (Seguin Morris)
- Rob Popien (Tbaytel)
- Ron Aharoni (COMsolve)

Meeting Notes:

1. Return to work Protocol

- Some information was found from the US for healthcare workers specifically
- BC public service saying workers can return 10 days after the onset of COVID-19 symptoms if their temperature is normal
 - Nick and Jeanne voice concern that there isn't enough research to back this
- Jeanne suggests that we should be looking at what public health is saying as a resolved case and follow those protocols
 - Also noted that employees who have been infected should be providing documentation that they are cleared to go back to work
- Nick to work with CWTA to ask government about whether there are any recommended best practices
 - UPDATE: STAC and CWTA have confirmed that there is no such information available from either Health Canada or ISED. A service agent at the ESDC Labour Program said they may be

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able to provide some information on this and informed Nick that someone would call him back by end of day Tuesday (April 7) to discuss further

2. Social Media Campaign

- STAC is looking to come up with some sort of social media campaign in order to encourage the public to be respectful of wireless technicians out in the field
 - CWTA is working at a video that highlights the importance of wireless and telecommunications during the lockdown
 - STAC will be working with CWTA and our communications folks to try and coordinate a campaign on this front
 - Once CWTA finalizes and approves any video STAC can also share it with STAC members

3. Federal Essential Service Letter

- Nick notes that he spoke to David Willis this weekend about the letter that ISED sent out to EMOs about telecom being an essential service
 - Nick says David said to ensure that folks who are using this letter to also have on hand a
 letter from the client (site owner/service provider) on the work that they are doing and to
 ensure that they carry identification

4. Open discussion

- Nick asks if there is anything else STAC should be doing this week?
 - No comments

5. Health & Safety Workshop

- Nick notes that STAC is looking to host an online version of the workshop that was initially planned for the conference on Building Sustainable Health and Safety Leadership
 - The workshop would be hosted online, likely over a number of days instead of one solid sixhour stretch
 - STAC would work with those who are interested to determine best format and times
 - Cost would be \$150 per person (reduced from \$350)
- Please email us at info@stacouncil.ca if you are interested in this

6. Other business

• Next call will be Thursday, April 9 due to the upcoming Easter holiday