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New Yukon Construction Safety Association to promote safe workplaces

The Yukon Contractors' Association and the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board (YWCHSB) have signed an agreement on a pilot project to create a new Yukon Construction Safety Association.

"We're pleased," said Jennifer Byram, President of the Contractors' Association and Operations Assistant of Pelly Construction. "This agreement means we can focus on developing safety programs that work specifically for our industry, and that could ultimately benefit all Yukon workers and employers."

The Yukon Construction Safety Association will, among other things, promote public awareness of occupational health and safety, develop health and safety programs, help employers implement those programs, and work to increase the number of workers covered by the health and safety programs.

"We thank the Yukon Contractors' Association for spearheading this important endeavor," said Craig Tuton, Chair of the YWCHSB Board of Directors. "They are creating the road map for all Yukoners to learn about the culture of prevention in the workplace. This pilot project is meant to involve all Yukon employers and workers and will evolve into a Yukon Safety Association."

"This is an important partnership," Tuton added. "It is one of many steps we are taking to help promote workplace safety and control claims costs."

The three-year agreement includes an annual review. The YWCHSB is providing \$169,000 for the first year and \$177,500 for each of the two subsequent years.

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