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Appointments to Board and Appeal Tribunal Announced

WHITEHORSE - After extensive consultation with business and labour organizations, the minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, Trevor Harding, has announced the appointments to the Board and Appeal Tribunal.

The creation of the Appeal Tribunal is a result of the amendments to the *Workers' Compensation Act* that were passed last fall and responded to the final recommendations of the public legislative review. The Appeals Tribunal will assume all responsibility for claimant appeals effective April 1.

"I want to thank all the business and labour organizations for their involvement and patience during the selection process and I look forward to working with all Board and Appeal Tribunal members," Harding said. "The appointments bring together a good blend of experience."

The following members will join Alternate Chair Karen Ruddy on the Board:

- Dale Schmekel has been selected as Chair.
- Arden Meyer has been re-appointed as an employer representative.
- Ivan Dechkoff has been appointed as an employer representative.
- Doug Rody and Barb Evans have been selected as worker representatives.

The Appeal Tribunal will consist of the following members:

- Heather MacFadgen has been appointed as Chair.
- Janet Wood has been selected as the Alternate Chair.
- Hank Ambrose and Jan Stick have been chosen as

- employer representatives.
- Joe Radwanski and Karen Waroway have been selected as worker representatives.

Training will be provided to Board and Appeal Tribunal members over the next month.

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WCHSB appointments - biographical information

- Dale Schmekel is the former Director of Assessments and Chair of the Internal Review Committee at the Board.
- Arden Meyer has extensive experience with the WCHHB and is employed at Trans North Helicopters.
- Ivan Dechkoff has over thirty years of financial planning experience through his occupation with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- Doug Rody is a long-time labour activist and is employed as the executive director of the Yukon Federation of Labour.
- Barb Evans is employed with Teamsters' Local #31 and brings extensive small business and labour experience to this position.
- Heather MacFadgen is a lawyer who previously worked as the Executive Director of the Yukon Human Rights Commission.
- Janet Wood owns and operates Abacus Accounting. She is the former Director of Finance at the Board and served on its Internal Review Committee.
- Hank Ambrose is an accountant who brings substantial experience through his long service on the Board.
- Jan Stick was previously a rehabilitation counsellor employed by the Department of Health and Social Services. She owns and operates Well Read Books.

- Joe Radwanski is a member of the United Brotherhood of Joiners and Carpenters, Local 2499, and served on the Board for the past three years.
- Karen Waroway is a member of Teamsters Local #31 who brings experience through her previous service on the Board.