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WORKING Together

NAOSH Week a Success

"Review. Refresh. Revitalize." was this year's theme of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, which took place from April 30 to May 6.

DOT employees all over the territory took part in a variety of activities that focused attention on the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace.

NAOSH week is an annual initiative coordinated by safety oriented organizations from Canada, the United States and Mexico.

First launched across North America in 1997, a Canadian equivalent of NAOSH week has been observed since 1986. The Canadian Society of Safety Engineers led the initiative to

observe a coordinated NAOSH week in the three participating countries.

This year, the Department's contribution included safety video lunches in Hay River, Inuvik, Fort Simpson, and Yellowknife with topics like workplace safety and bear safety.

"All GNWT employees were invited to participate and view a video related to occupational health and safety," says Karen Decker-Brien, Workplace Safety Program Coordinator. "This year's theme promotes the ever-present need for ongoing development and encouragement of safety at work."

DOT also hosted a barbecue for employees at the Yellowknife Airport fire hall, which was attended by staff from Yellowknife and Rae-Edzo.



Karen Decker-Brien, Workplace Safety Program Coordinator, serves up hamburgers and hot dogs to DOT employees at the NAOSH week barbecue at the YK Airport fire hall on May 5.

(you) (vous) + (unpaid fines) (amendes impayées) = (motor vehicle office) (bureau des véhicules automobiles)

If you have unpaid Motor Vehicle Act fines in the NWT, you will not be able to access driver and vehicle licensing services, including driver's licence renewals and vehicle registrations.

Si vous avez des amendes impayées en vertu de la Loi sur les véhicules automobiles des TNO, vous ne pourrez pas recevoir de services, incluant les services de renouvellement de votre permis de conduire ou de l'enregistrement de votre véhicule.

To find out if you have any outstanding fines, or to arrange payment today, call **1-866-822-5864**

Pour savoir si vous avez des amendes en souffrance, ou pour prendre des arrangements de paiement dès aujourd'hui, appelez au **1-866-822-5864**

Take notice: the poster for the public campaign to remind people to pay fines, a joint venture involving DOT, Justice, and NWT Courts.

Pay That Ticket!

The Department of Transportation and NWT Courts, along with cooperation from the Department of Justice, have established an electronic alert system designed to help clear up the backlog of unpaid traffic tickets and discourage NWT residents from letting fines run past the due date in the future.

Effective June 1, individuals who have an overdue fine for an offence under the NWT Motor Vehicles Act, such as speeding and seatbelt infractions, will be denied certain services at all 16 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Issuing Offices. Until an overdue fine is paid, computer systems in the offices will be unable to process a driver's licence or register a vehicle to that client.

"Issuing agents will not know what the

unpaid fine is for, but they will be able to inform the client that they have one on their file," said Kevin McLeod, Acting Director, Road Licensing and Safety, "The fine must be cleared through NWT Courts before service can be obtained."

People with overdue fines won't be able to pay their fines at the issuing office, and will need to go through a Court Registry office for information on, and payment of, their fines. Anyone who refuses to pay could be issued a summons to appear in court.

The system was established through a cooperative arrangement between the Departments of Transportation and Justice and NWT Courts and is similar to systems that exist in most Canadian jurisdictions.

Inspecting the Inspectors

From May 9 - 19, the Department of Transportation hosted a Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance training course, which covered international inspection procedures for commercial vehicles. Canada, the United States and Mexico are all involved with this program.

The course is divided into two parts: driver inspection, and vehicle inspection. This course's participants included four highway transport officers from DOT, three municipal enforcement officers from Yellowknife and two instructors from Alberta.



Participants: (L-R) Harris Beaulieu, Manager, Carrier Inspections Programs, Yellowknife; Art Walton, DOT, Hay River; Jim Pickering, DOT, Yellowknife; Kevin Brandvold, Municipal Enforcement (M.E.), Yellowknife; Calvin Adams, DOT, Inuvik; Keith Smith, DOT, Hay River; Brian Davyduke, Instructor; Brian Planidin, DOT, Hay River; Daryle Foster, M.E., Yellowknife; Chris Cleave, M.E., Yellowknife; Wes Roth, Instructor.

SAFETY Tip

Safety Tip is brought to you by Occupational Health & Safety



Safe Lifting

The following safe lifting principles can reduce the risk of back injury.



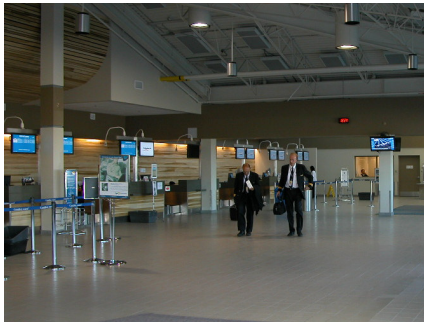
1. Size up the load, making certain you can lift it safely.
2. Get as close to the load as possible before lifting.
3. Keep the load as close to your body as possible.
4. Make sure your footing is secure.
5. Lift smoothly and slowly.
6. Organize the work to avoid lifting from the floor or above shoulder level.
7. Do not twist while lifting.
8. If you have a lot of lifting to do during the day, try not to do it all at once.
9. Use the same principles when lowering or placing the load after lifting.
10. Try to avoid carrying a load more than 10 feet without getting mechanical assistance.



Finishing Touches Underway at the Yellowknife Airport

After almost two years of work, it's down to the final touches for the major renovation and expansion project that has transformed the Yellowknife Airport's Passenger Terminal Building.

The \$11.2 million expansion and renovation project, which started in 2004, will improve the level of service to airport users, extend the life of the facility and enable the GNWT to comply with the



The new ticket counters have flatscreen LCD displays and new luggage belts.

federal government's aviation security program.

The need to install a checked-baggage screening system that complies with mandatory federal government requirements, provided the opportunity and rationale to add improvements that address growth and congestion issues for a terminal that handled over 400,000 passengers last year.

In the public area of the terminal building, the construction sounds have faded as workers complete the finishing touches to sweeping renovations. Carpets and furniture being installed in the expanded secure departure lounge are among the last pieces of work taking place inside the building. A bit of work that remains to be done outside the building will soon be completed, now that warmer weather has arrived.


"It looks like a whole new airport," says Michel Lafrance, Airport Manager. "The upgrades have opened up a lot of space, and the improvements will make the facility more comfortable for travelers."

Among those improvements are a larger check-in area with more ticket counters and new offices for airline staff, the larger secure departure lounge equipped with washrooms and space for a concession stand, with arrivals and departures information, a second incoming



The secure departure lounge now has washrooms and space for a concession.

baggage carousel, and a second hallway leading to the non-secure departure area.

Tenant businesses have also benefited from the renovations. Rental car booths are roomier, the restaurant now opens directly into the arrivals area and the gift shop has been moved out of its corner into a more prominent location. 

CELEBRATING *Us*

Recognition of Excellence




Sonny Balsillie accepts his framed letter from the Minister of Transportation, presented by Kelly O'Connor, Hay River Airport Manager.

On May 5, Edward "Sonny" Balsillie was presented with a framed letter of appreciation from the Minister of Transportation recognizing service excellence as an airport maintainer over the last 29 years at the Fort Resolution Airport.

The presentation, made by Kelly O'Connor, Hay River Airport Manager, took place at the Hay River Airport maintenance garage, and included a barbecue.

Sonny officially retired from the GNWT some years ago, but has worked seasonally as a casual airport maintainer in the winter for several years.

This past winter was Sonny's last winter of work, and he now plans to fully enjoy his retirement. 

Kelly Billan, Program Coordinator, Road Licencing & Safety Division, gets the word out to the public about the new Northwest Territories driver's licence and general ID card at the Yellowknife Trade Show on May 13 and 14.



The annual Airports Conference took place May 2 - 4 at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife. This year's theme was "Ensuring quality and safe service in a dynamic Northwest Territories economy". Guest speakers included Chris Stark from the Canadian Transportation Agency, Alfie Yip from the Candian Airports Electrical Association, and Dean Zimmer from Transport Canada. A barbecue lunch was held at the Yellowknife Airport fire hall for conference participants.



Upcoming Events in YK:

June 16 - Father's Day Raffle and Barbeque
-Location TBA
-Prize is a barbeque

Every payday 50/50 Draw!

HUMAN RESOURCE *Updates*

Farewell

Highways, YK - Donna Taylor,
Casual - Kevin Brandvold, Daryle Foster, Mona Linitski

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Welcome

Marine Services - Capt. Barrie McDonald, Capt. Graham Cox, Daryl Snider
Airports - Louise Boettger, Eddie Bonnetrouge, Hardy Sangris
Casual - (Highway Ops) Robert Beaulieu, Leo Betsina, James Bonnetrouge, Jay Larocque



Welcome, Summer Students

New - Kevin Rattray, Jane Borkovic, Kirstin Mahler, Meagan Shouhda, Jessica Miller, Lori Macmillan, Ryan Jahner

Returning - Mary Coyne, Chris Wong, Steven Thomson, Matthew Green, Cheryl Fernandez



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