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**Workers Compensation Board  
Public Review Sought**

**This is a Public Opinion Sought on Review of Workers Compensation Act.**

Even if you have never had to use the services of the Workers Compensation Board, please think about attending, as it *may* be one of your children or grandchildren who may have to. This is our chance to have some input into how workers of the future, are to be helped by the Workers Compensation Board.

Some of the areas that would be very beneficial to be covered are:

**Specialized services** that **are not** available, example Psychiatrists, EAP.

Waiting lists to see even these specialized is lengthy.

Process of a WCB claim. What is needed paper wise to approve or deny a claim? How long does this procedure take? How long does an appeal process take? What information is needed before it is taken to an appeal Board?

Twenty years is a long time for a policy to exist before being reviewed. So many new illnesses and injuries have arisen that were not even heard of twenty years ago!

MOULD in schools and older office buildings have caused children and adults to become sick and miss work and school - SICK BUILDING SYNDROME? How would this be processed through WCB when symptoms could range from moderate to severe?

POOR VENTILATION SYSTEMS in older and even some newer building are not working to full capacity and people are getting sick, what is going to be the role of the WCB, for people who are sick and injured from this.

UNDERSTAFFING is a huge problem in The Pas, Nurses are OVERWORKED. and Correctional Staff are OVERWORKED.

Caseloads for social and mental health workers have doubled, if not tripled in some cases? What does this do to the worker. - ..BURNOUT.

How would this be processed through WCB?  
INTIMIDATION, HARRASSMENT (VERBAL and at times PHYSICAL) SEXUAL HARRASSMENT BULLYING and LACK OF SECURITY for STAFF when needed or requested are the issues we

face today! As this list can go on for a little longer space does not allow it. WCB is there for ANY WORKER that is visibly injured, like a broken leg or arm. However we need to ensure that if a worker is psychologically or emotionally hurt just because we cannot see it this does not mean that it is not there and that the person is not injured or in pain.

After twenty years, Nancy Allan, Minister of Labour, in charge of the administration of the Workers Compensation Board, has announced a review of the WCB Act is needed. A four person committee has been appointed, to visit towns across the province, to gather public opinion on how this service needs to be improved, thereby making it work FOR ALL WORKERS in the Province.

The Committee Members appointed are:

Wally Fox Decent - Chair of Workers Compensation  
Chris W. Lorenc - Employer Representative  
Peter Walker - Labour Representative  
Susan F. Rogers - Public Interest Representative.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING - WEDNESDAY! 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2004  
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7:00-10:00 PM

**THIS WILL BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OUT AND EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS, ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT ARE PRESENT, IN THE WAYS THAT WORKERS OF TODAY ARE BEING TREATED BY THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD.**