

May 23, 2018
Ms. Haley Flaro
Chairperson, WorksafeNB
1 Portland Street
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Saint John, N.B. E2L 3X9

Re: 2018 mid-year stakeholder information and engagement.

Dear Ms. Flaro,

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is a non-profit, non-partisan business association that seeks to give independent business a greater voice in shaping the policies and laws that govern them in the country. With 110,000 members across Canada, 5000 of which are located here in New Brunswick, we are the country's largest organization exclusively representing the interests of small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) to all levels of government.

On June 20th 2017, WorkSafeNB organized a stakeholder session in Bathurst outlining the key factors driving changes to claim volume and costs, variations in funding and assessment rates. The session provided key information to stakeholders and allowed for a greater understanding of the changes occurring in our Workers Compensation system. In 2017 the board adopted a new "measurable strategic goal" relating to stakeholder engagement as outlined in its 2017-2019 strategic plan and again in its 2017 third quarter accountability report.

CFIB is requesting that stakeholders receive a mid-year update on the progression of claim volume, claim costs, funding position and administrative costs. The update should include 2018 first quarter data.

Providing a mid-year update on the above mentioned parameters is necessary considering the changes that have occurred in the system since 2016. It would also clearly demonstrate the board's ongoing commitment to its new corporate goal.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Louis-Philippe Gauthier
Director of Provincial Affairs for New Brunswick

Cc: Douglas Jones, President and CEO, WorkSafeNB
Members of the Coalition of New Brunswick Employers