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Employer Consultant Contract Expires

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce will explore options that could enable it to continue providing the services of an employer consultant. In 2002 the Chamber negotiated a two-year contract with the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board to fund a pilot project that created the employer consultant. The Health and Safety Board has now decided not to renew the current contract and to do an independent evaluation of the pilot project.

"Our organization recognizes the impetus to do an evaluation of the project, and we're committed to playing a major role in that review," said Rob Harvey, acting Chair of the Chamber. "We're anxious to see this carried out as soon as possible."

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce recognizes the value to the business community of an employer consultant, which is why it plans to look at options for continuing the service. The job involved assisting employers in understanding the complexities of compensation issues by increasing their level of awareness on programs, services, assessment rates and other issues that impact the fund. "The passion and dedication Ivan Dechkoff brought to this project in his capacity as the employer consultant has played a significant role in the success of the program," Harvey said. "We thank him for his hard work".

The Chamber would also like to thank the Board of Directors of WCB for their support of this position for the last two years and it looks forward to continuing to work with them on issues that affect and impact employers.

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