

January 23, 2013

TO: Locals - NRCan
National Executive
National and Regional E.O. Representatives

RE: **NRCan National Policy Committee Health and Safety**

The NRCan National Policy Committee on Health & Safety met on January 21, 2013. Brother Chuck Davis, Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, and Sister Manon Desormeaux, Service Officer, participated. Below is a brief summary of discussions that took place.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Committee is reviewing its Terms of Reference. UEW has noted that the Committee has not been functional due to the following: i.e.,

Attendance of the ADM: It was noted that the Associate Deputy Minister (ADM) and Employer Co-Chair, has not been attending the meetings. UEW expressed its wish that the ADM start attending the meetings going forward.

Agenda: UEW requested that the Department forward an e-mail seeking agenda items as well as the appropriate agenda and associated documentation within the timeframes set out in the Terms of Reference.

Mental Health

The Committee discussed concerns with Mental Health at the workplace and noted that employees leaving on sick leave do so because of stress-associated issues. UEW recommended that this item be a standing item on future agendas and the Committee agreed.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

The Department provided a follow up with respect to AEDs and prior to presenting a proposal to the Deputy Minister, it was looking at different scenarios and costs.

Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with the national office.

Sent on behalf of the UEW National Office