

June 16, 2022

Councillor Danny Muise
District 1, District of Argyle
5 Rue J. E. Hatfield Court
Tusket, NS B0W3M0

Dear Councillor Muise:

As we enter another beautiful Nova Scotian summer, I wanted to reach out on behalf of my organization, WCB Nova Scotia.

Every day, our employees serve the workers and employers of our province, and by extension, many of the people in your municipality. We are pleased to serve more than 20,000 Nova Scotian employers and the more than 320,000 workers who they employ. While workers' compensation is provincial jurisdiction, from time to time, members of your municipality may have questions about what we do.

In particular, many of the workers we serve are first responders – such as the police officers and firefighters who serve your community. Many of these workers, and many others, are recovering from traumatic psychological injury. As you are well aware, the *Workers' Compensation Act* was amended by the Province to make support related to PTSD a presumptive benefit for first responders. Other changes include the mandatory coverage requirement for volunteer firefighters, and more recently the expansion of firefighter cancer benefits. All of these changes affect municipalities like yours.

As we move forward in 2022, we do so with a sense of optimism, openness and renewal, knowing new relationships and partnerships may bring new opportunity. I have found throughout my career that most of us who work in the public sector share the goal to create better outcomes for the people we serve.

In that spirit, please know that our organization is there for you and your constituents. Deanna Harnish, our Client Relations Officer, would be pleased to assist with any service related concerns or questions. You can reach her at (902) 430-9798, or deanna.harnish@wcb.ns.ca.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.



Saeed El-Darahali
Chair, Board of Directors