

WSN Mining Advisory Committee Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Attendance: Dennis Sobey (Chair), Chris Bamberger, Michael Ferguson, Clare Foladore, Don Langlois, Louise Lowe, Steve Wrixon

Regrets: Mike Huard, Darren Toner, Goncalo Valentim,

Guests: Paul Westlund – Founder C.E.C Analytics

WSN Staff: Mike Parent, VP Prevention Services
Meg Parker, Marketing Communications Specialist
Chris Serratore, Director, Prevention Services
Tom Welton, Director, Prevention Services & Educational Programs

1. Joint session with FPPC

Paul Westlund – Founder C.E.C Analytics. (*Presentation Attached*)

Wastewater Monitoring in the Workplace: *Insight to early detection of SARS-CoV-2 and drug consumption*

Provincial Risk Assessment/Root Cause Analysis Project and Key Learnings – Tom Welton
Presentation Attached

2. Call to Order, Welcome, Approval of Agenda, Safety Share

Safety share discussion regarding how Covid has been the focus and now several incidents have happened because of lack of attention in other areas.

Agenda Approved.

3. Approval of Last Minutes

December 3, 2020 minutes approved.

4. Business Arising from the Last Minutes

Exploration sub-group: Exploration sub-group (Mike P., Clare, and Louise): discussion on completing a risk assessment for drilling and exploration.

ACTION: Tom to have further discussion with Louise for support from the CDDA and look at scheduling a time.

Mental Health: dig deeper and challenges with substance abuse. Discussion on what is and is not happening, gap around contractor support, pulse checks.

WSN building a suite of programs like Mental Health Train-the-Trainer so many others are trained to help with capacity and resource issues.

AGENDA: Keep Mental Health on the agenda as a topic to discuss each meeting.

Supervisor Common Core: Question on shared documents and what Shaft Crushing was.

Completed

5. Reporting Fires: Fire form and MLRC, information on reported fires. What should the process be?

Look to see how to promote. It was promoted out to the OMCSA at their last meeting.

Action: Mike Parent to connect with Darren Toner reach out to Vale to see.

6. **Follow-up conversation about risk assessment and the Ontario Mining Industry**

Presented to the MLRC on March 24. Request was made by labour to discuss concerns so WSN was excused from the meeting so this could happen. Unsure of outcome.

7. **Update on mining conference and workshop**

Mining Conference to happen April 24 so please sign up and promote through your social media and word-of-mouth. Reminder that the conference has topics that would apply to all workplaces as well, not just mining.

8. **Round Table/Wrap-up**

- OMCSA has asked how they can help this group and will bring it forward to their next meeting.
- Question regarding at what point do you hire a full-time health and safety coordinator to take the pressure of the supervisors.
- Still looking for someone in the consulting sector to sit on this committee.
- Request for anyway to further support new SCC training program?
- CDDA has partnered with CROSH and hired a PhD student to analyze data to where accidents happening from 2008 to present.
- More risk assessment tools as need process to identify top risks.
- CDDA partnered and working on upgrading the surface common core so there is a national standard. Launching next month.

AGENDA: Louise to discuss this at next MAC meeting in May.

- Occupational Hygiene focus has been on Covid.
- Looking at mental health and well being in workers.
- Discussion on screening programs and test kits for Covid.
- Update on the WSIB Excellence Program and how much work has gone into enhancing the user friendliness of the program in all aspects. Discuss at future meeting?
- Discussion on need to make sure there are adequate amounts of people for tasks, and how writing personnel needs right into RFPs for work proposals.
- Reminder for committee members to continue to attend these meetings to further discussion on emerging trends, and what taking place in the industry.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

- May 13, 2021
- September 23, 2021
- December 9, 2021