

NEWS RELEASE

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City's safety activities result in reduced employee injuries

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to report that, in 2015, there were 30 fewer employees injured at work compared to 2014. As well, there were only 107 first aid only treatments vs. 115 in 2014; 26 WorkSafeBC medical aid only claims vs. 32 in 2014; and 39 WorkSafeBC lost time claims vs. 55 in 2014. The reductions are being attributed to safety activities carried out over 2015 which specifically focused on the causes of injuries so that fewer employees got injured.

Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government.

Key Points

- Using effective statistics, the most frequent causes of injuries in the City's different work groups were communicated as monthly safety themes in order to increase awareness. Incident investigations were improved and findings were communicated to prevent similar incidents.
- Hazard identification and risk assessments were conducted to increase awareness and improve safe work procedures.
- Through safety committees, crew talks, safety inspections, training and an assortment of other health and safety systems, a heightened awareness was created such that employees could assess how they might get injured, and change methods and practices so that they can work safely.
- The use of personal protective equipment (PPE) was introduced where there was still a risk of injury.

Quotes

"We care about preventing injuries to employees; so that they can be productive at work, and enjoy hobbies, family time and lifestyle outside work."

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