



## NEWS RELEASE

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### City of Yellowknife Awarded Northern Safety Association Certificate of Recognition:

The City of Yellowknife has been awarded a Certificate of Recognition (COR<sup>TM</sup>) from the Northern Safety Association for fully implementing an effective workplace health and safety management system. The City of Yellowknife is the first northern community to receive the Certification.

This certificate represents a significant achievement by the City. The certificate recognized the City of Yellowknife's participation in the development and operation of the COR<sup>TM</sup> program with the Northern Safety Association (NSA) and the Workers Safety Compensation Commission (WSCC) by beginning a process which will substantially contribute toward reducing accidents, ill health and other associated costs.

Mayor Gordon Van Tighem stated "Safety in the workplace is a priority for the City of Yellowknife and the road to achieving COR Certification has enhanced our awareness and experience in providing a safe workplace for our valued employees. We are extremely proud to be the first Community to achieve Certification and look forward to being joined shortly by several others."

In qualifying for the certificate, the City of Yellowknife has:

- prepared a written health and safety plan appropriate to the needs of their staff;
- discussed injury prevention issues with staff and invited their ongoing participation in the health and safety program;
- identified, assessed and controlled hazards as an ongoing process;
- developed and implemented health and safety practices; and
- developed a review process for changes and ongoing improvements to the program.

The COR<sup>TM</sup> is an occupational health and safety program accreditation for employers aimed at reducing the human and financial costs associated with workplace accidents and injuries. COR<sup>TM</sup> is rapidly becoming the key criteria in the legislated requirement to evaluate, select and monitor contractors - used as a pre-qualification requirement for employers working in and out of province. COR<sup>TM</sup> is the highest distinction available to employers; verifying a fully implemented and effective safety and health program that meets the national standards.

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