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Premier appoints new president of Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski has appointed Kurt Dieckmann as the new president and chief executive officer of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board (YWCHSB). The appointment takes effect July 9.

Under the authority of the *Workers' Compensation Act*, the board of directors made the recommendation to the premier to appoint Dieckmann following an interview process.

"We were looking for a dynamic leader with a wealth of experience in workers' compensation and health and safety who is committed to preventing disability," board chair Mark Pike said. "We have found that in Mr. Dieckmann."

Dieckmann has held a number of senior management positions with YWCHSB since 2005, and has more than 20 years of experience working in Yukon's private sector. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Royal Roads University and is a Canadian Registered Safety Professional.

"I would like to congratulate Mr. Dieckmann on his appointment," Pasloski said. "With his years of experience with the YWCHSB and strong leadership skills, I'm confident that he is the right person to take on this important role."

YWCHSB's current president and CEO, Joy Waters, announced her retirement earlier this year after more than 30 years of public service. Waters will continue in her position until July 8 to ensure a smooth transition for the organization.

"On behalf of the YWCHSB board of directors I want to thank Joy for her exemplary leadership as president and CEO and congratulate her on her retirement," Pike added. "She has been a strong advocate for advancing safety in Yukon."

Pasloski added: "In addition to her leadership at YWCHSB, Joy also served as assistant deputy minister of the Department of Environment and deputy minister of the Department of Tourism and Culture. I would like to thank her for all she has done during her 30-plus years of public service."

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