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*Highlights of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Workers Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.*

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**At its meeting on November 15-16, 2018 the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors participated in a Governance Retreat in Sydney, Cape Breton. The Board of Directors:**

- Held an *in camera* discussion about potential future enhancements to the workers' compensation system.
- Approved revisions to the Program Policy Agenda Setting process, including the adoption of an Annual Policy Work Plan to replace the current revolving agenda setting process. The Board also approved content for the 2019 Annual Policy Work Plan.
- Received an education item on psychological injury claims including proposed policy revisions in response to recent legislative changes and appeal/court decisions. The Board approved for consultation a background paper and draft policy revisions to *Policy 1.3.9 – Psychological Injuries*.
- Received an update on the *Workplace Safety Action Plan for Nova Scotia's Long Term Care, Home Care and Disability Support Sectors*.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Business Transformation Advancement Program (BTAP) Subcommittee on discussions at the October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meetings of the Subcommittee, including:
  - The Subcommittee received an update from management on the status of Systems Integration Testing for the Core Systems Replacement Project;
  - The Subcommittee recommended and the Board of Directors approved a revised Gate Plan for the Core Systems Replacement Project; and
  - The Subcommittee received an update on the impact of the Core Systems Replacement project on the overall forecasted costs for the Business Transformation Advancement Program.
- Hosted an open house reception with stakeholders.
- Conducted a tour of Seaview Manor as part of the Board's ongoing outreach to workers and employers.

*Please note that new and revised Policies are distributed to all Policy Manual holders. The Policy Manual is available at regional public libraries, and is posted on the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia's website, [www.wcb.ns.ca](http://www.wcb.ns.ca)*

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