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

At its meeting on December 17th 2020 the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors:

- Received a report from the Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee on discussions at the December 14th, 2020 meeting of the Committee including:
 - The Committee participated in an education session on the role of the Internal Auditor.
 - The Committee received a document outlining changes in Accounting Policy & Financial Statement Disclosures for 2020 and the plan for the new disclosures recommended for the 2020 annual report.
 - The Committee met with the External Auditor to receive the results of an expense procedures report on the Board of Directors, senior management and employees.
 - The Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved the terms and conditions with which the External Auditor will be engaged to audit and report on the 2020 financial statements.
 - The Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved the financial statements for the quarter ended September 30th, 2020.
 - The Committee received the procurement report and Officer's Certificate for the quarter ended September 30th, 2020.
 - The Committee received a year-end update on the 2020 operations, capital, legislated obligations and system support budget.
 - The Committee received an overview of items that have been identified in the fourth quarter of 2020 that could pose operational, reputation or financial risks to the organization.
 - The Committee met with the Internal Auditor and the Board of Directors approved the work plan for the Internal Auditor for 2021.
 - The Committee received an update on the organizational rollout of Enterprise Risk Management.
 - > The Committee received their work plan for the upcoming year.
 - The Committee received a report of Cyber Security for the quarter ended September 30th, 2020.
 - The Committee received an update on the implementation of recommendations from the reports of the Office of the Auditor General.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Investment Committee on discussions at the December 9th, 2020 meeting of the Committee including:
 - The Committee received an update on investment performance for the quarter ended September 30th, 2020.
 - The Committee reviewed an implementation plan to changes in asset mix following the approval of changes to the Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives.
 - > The Committee received its work plan for the upcoming year.
 - The Committee conducted a year-end evaluation of its external investment consultant and manager of investment managers.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Business Transformation Advancement Program Subcommittee on discussions at the December 8th and 11th, 2020 meetings including:

- The Subcommittee received an update on the status of the Core Systems Replacement Project.
- The Subcommittee received a report from the External Risk Advisor on risk advisory services provided under the program.
- The Subcommittee received a year-end budget update on the Business Transformation Advancement Program and received an update on the 2021 budget for the program.
- The Subcommittee recommended and the Board of Directors approved a revised Gate Plan for the Core Systems Replacement Project.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee on discussions at the December 17th, 2020 meeting of the Committee including:
 - The Committee received the WCB Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness Report for the quarter ended September 30th, 2020.
 - The Committee conducted its annual review of the Corporate Governance Manual and the Board of Directors approved minor housekeeping revisions.
 - The Committee approved the report to the community for the quarter ended September 30th, 2020.
 - The Committee received the results of the 2020 WCB Nova Scotia's employee opinion survey.
 - The Committee received an update from the Board Chair on activities and developments since the previous Board meeting.
 - The Committee received the report of the Balanced Scorecard Working Group from its meeting on December 4th, 2020. The Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved a transition from the Composite Duration Index Measure to a new Measure - "Percentage of Claims Off Wage Loss at 180 days."
 - The Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved the Program Policy Work Plan for the upcoming year.
 - The Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved the document entitled "Issues Identification Paper: Re-employment" for the first stage of consultation with stakeholders.
 - > The Committee provided feedback on a draft Strategic Plan.
- Received an update from the CEO on recent activities since the previous Board meeting.
- Approved the 2021 budgets and plans for the Office of the Worker Counsellor and the Office of the Employer Advisor.

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