

# Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition

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## **Coalition Update: September 28, 2007**

On behalf of the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition (OHWC), we are writing to update you on some of our recent activities.

Subsequent to the steering committee election, a transition meeting was held on July 24 that included the members of the acting steering committee and the incoming steering committee. This meeting served to update and orient the new members, and to establish the operating framework for the OHWC.

On September 14, the newly-elected steering committee had its inaugural meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to chart a course for the future, beginning with the confirmation of roles and responsibilities.

We are proud to announce ratification of the steering committee for the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition as follows:

<b>Co-Chair</b>	Janet Carr
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Judy Kerling
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Irmajean Bajnok
<b>Secretary/Secretariat</b>	THCU (The Health Communication Unit)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Raymond Langlois
<b>Communications</b>	Cathi Carr
<b>Capacity Building</b>	Sandra Bozzo
<b>Advocacy</b>	Shaun Baylis
<b>Resource Integration</b>	Norma Gibson-MacDonald

We are still in the process of recruiting two additional members to the steering committee to ensure representation from workplace health academia/research and union/organized labour, and expect to announce those names in the near future.

We remain committed to our **four core functions, and shortly will be contacting those who have expressed an interest in participating on the standing committees:**

**Communication (Internal & External)**  
**Advocacy**  
**Capacity Building**  
**Resource Integration**

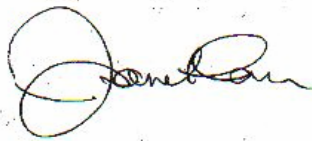
Over the summer, letters were sent to the Ministers of Labour and Health Promotion thanking them for their support of the Symposium and expressing our continued interest in working with them on common interests and goals. Subsequently, we

received a response from the Minister of Labour, and Deputy Minister of Labour, Virginia West, agreed to speak at our next steering committee meeting in November. We are awaiting a response from the Minister of Health Promotion.

Since our last correspondence to you, we have been working to establish a link with the Forum on the Advancement of Healthy Workplaces. The Forum is a partnership of government and industry leaders moving forward in a unified approach to create healthier workplaces. We hope to be able to work together toward the achievement of our complementary goals.

We are committed to keeping you posted on our progress, and we encourage and look forward to your feedback and ideas. Please feel free to contact the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition Secretariat at 416-978-0595 or [jelgie@thcu.ca](mailto:jelgie@thcu.ca) if you have any questions or want to share your ideas.

Yours truly,



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Judy Kerling, Region of Peel

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***Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition Steering Committee***

Dr. Irmajean Bajnok, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario  
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