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Media Release

The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Lay Charges under the Nunavut *Safety Act*

Iqaluit, NU (April 12, 2017) – On April 11, 2017 the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission filed charges in the Nunavut Court of Justice under the Nunavut *Safety Act*.

Joseph Brown, Superintendent of Public Works with the City of Iqaluit, was charged with three (3) offences under the *Safety Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.* These include failure to take all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of persons, in accordance with section 4(1)(b) of the *Safety Act*, and failure to ensure supervisors had completed an approved regulatory familiarization program, in accordance with section 16(c) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.*

These charges are in addition to those filed on January 27, 2017 against the City of Iqaluit; Supervisor Keith Baines; and worker, Ben Kovic Jr.

All of the alleged breaches relate to an incident in which a worker was injured while working at the Iqaluit landfill on April 18, 2016 when a garbage truck drove over him.

The WSCC reminds all employers that their worksite responsibilities include: providing a safe workplace; providing information, instruction, training, and supervision necessary to protect the health and safety of workers; and ensuring that workers under their supervision comply with the *Safety Act* and *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*. Workers are also reminded of their responsibility to ensure their own safety, and the safety of other persons on the worksite, as part of the Internal Responsibility System.

The next court appearance in this matter is scheduled for May 1, 2017 in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

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Note:

1. This matter is now before the courts, so additional information available for release is limited.
2. The *Safety Act*, section 11, outlines requirements for confidentiality relating to what personal information the WSCC can release. The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* also states what personal information government bodies are permitted to release. Under these *Acts*, the WSCC is unable to disclose personal information or information that could reasonably identify an individual.