

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drugs & Alcohol

Oct 18: The GN is expecting to receive \$95 million as part of a proposed \$32.5 billion national settlement with tobacco companies to cover the healthcare costs incurred by the territory for treating tobacco-related illnesses from the 1950s to 1980s. The settlement hasn't yet been finalized.

Action Point: Take 5 steps to [prevent workplace smoking](#) and vaping and avoid fines under smoke-free laws.

New Laws

Oct 25: The Department of Community and Government Services' Petroleum Products Division said that it expects retail fuel prices in Nunavut to remain steady through the rest of 2024. The Department will revisit the issue in the new year.

Workers' Comp

Nov 1: Workers' comp rates aren't going up in 2025. The WSCC announced that it's keeping average assessments at \$2.40 per \$100 of assessable payroll, a rate that hasn't changed since 2020. One thing that is changing is that Northwest Territories and Nunavut will have different Year's Maximum Insurable Remuneration rates, which will be announced next month.

CASES

Powered Mobile Equipment: Mining Companies Pay \$300,000 to Settle Dozer Death

A mine worker clearing snow from an ice road onsite was killed when the D6-T Dozer he was operating went through the sea ice near a pressure ridge. Four companies involved in the incident reached an Alternative Measures Agreement with the government requiring them to pay \$300,000 to create a Training Initiative focused on the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of ice roads [*B2Gold Back River Corp. (formerly Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.), Matrix Aviation Solutions Inc., Matrix Kitikmeot Ltd., and Gallant Restorations Incorporated, [WSCC Press Release](#), October 29, 2024*].

Action Point: Find out how to implement an effective [Powered Mobile Equipment Operation Policy](#) at your workplace.