



# The Office of the Worker Counsellor

## 2013 Workshops at the Tatamagouche Centre

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2013 marks the second year the Office of the Worker Counsellor has offered workshops at the Tatamagouche Centre, and we are delighted to return to this beautiful area of the province. You will find more information about the Centre at their website: [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca) .

This year we are offering 2 workshops: *Navigating Your Way: a worker's guide to workers' compensation in Nova Scotia*; and *Appealing WCB Decisions: a guide for union activists*. You will find descriptions for each workshop below.

### **1. Navigating Your Way: A worker's guide to workers' compensation in Nova Scotia**

The workers' compensation system is a complex one that uses legal and medical terms. This means that sometimes workers have difficulty getting the benefits they deserve. This workshop will help you navigate your way through the system.

This workshop is about advocating for health and safety in the workplace so that workers, including those facing literacy and language challenges, have access to the information they need to work safely. The workshop will draw on your knowledge and experience of health and safety and the Workers' Compensation system, as well as introduce new information and materials.

In this workshop you will increase your understanding of the Workers' Compensation System in Nova Scotia and how to access it. You will learn:

- about the history of Workers' Compensation in Canada;
- when an injury is eligible for compensation;
- how to file a claim;
- about worker and employer obligations;
- how to calculate earnings; and
- the organizational structure of the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.

## **2. Appealing WCB Decisions: a guide for union activists**

This workshop has been developed for union and workplace activists so that they can help injured workers through the appeals system. Those considering this workshop should have a working knowledge of the Workers' Compensation system.

Participants will have hands-on practice while they follow an injured worker through the 3 levels of the appeal process in Nova Scotia. Cases studied include an appeal to the WCB Hearing Officer, an appeal to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal (WCAT), and an appeal to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

**Workshop location:** Tatamagouche Centre (see attached map)

**Dates & Times:** November 22: Supper: 5:30pm  
Workshops: 6:30-9:30 pm  
November 23: Workshops: 9 am – 4:30 pm

### **Registration fees, meals & accommodations:**

We are pleased to offer combined accommodation + registration packages and a registration only package. Meals and nutrition breaks are provided by the Centre and are part of each package.

Single Occupancy: \$175.00

Double Occupancy: \$125.00

Registration & meals: \$100.00

Injured workers on full disability can participate at no charge.

Please make cheques payable to: **Nova Scotia Federation of Labour**  
We regret that we cannot issue refunds after November 8, 2013.

**Registration Deadline:** November 8, 2013

To register contact: Complete 1 registration form for each person.

For more information contact us:

Phone: 1-902-455-5455 Toll-free 1-877-220-2722.

Email: [cparkins@workercounsellor.ca](mailto:cparkins@workercounsellor.ca)

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## Registration Form

**Workshop:** Please select 1:

1. Navigating your Way: a worker's guide to workers' compensation
2. Appealing WCB Decisions: a union activist's guide

Tatamagouche, November 22-23, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Union & Local #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration & Accommodations (meals included).** Please select 1:

Single: \$175.00

Double: \$125.00

If you plan to share a room with someone from your local please include their name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration & meals only: \$100.00

Injured worker on full disability: fees waived

**Diet:** Please select 1:

Regular Menu:

Vegetarian:

Do you eat fish or dairy?

Please note: the Centre is unable to accommodate any other special diets.

Please return this form to the Office of the Worker Counsellor by

**November 8, 2013.**

220-3700 Kempt Road

Halifax, NS

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You can also fax this form to: 902-455-5649

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## **Driving Directions:**



### **From Halifax (2 hours):**

- **Highway 102 to Exit 14A**
- **Turn right and follow for 3.7 kms**
- **Turn left and follow 311 North to Tatamagouche (50 km)**
- **As you approach the Village of Tatamagouche, stay to the left and travel through on Main Street**
- **As you leave Tatamagouche, you'll cross a concrete bridge**
- **At the top of the hill just after the bridge, turn right onto Rocklyn Road (old name as in Google Maps is Tattrie Settlement Road)**
- **At the stop sign, turn right and you'll be here!**

### **From New Glasgow (1 hour):**

- **Highway 104 to Exit 22 to Harvey Venoit Causeway**
- **At the traffic circle, exit to the Sunrise Trail Highway 6**
- **Stay on the Sunrise Trail Highway 6 to Tatamagouche**
- **Cross the concrete bridge and at the top of the hill turn right onto Rocklyn Road (old name as in Google Maps is Tattrie Settlement Road)**
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