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## NAOSH- North American Occupational Safety & Health Month

Raising awareness about occupational health and safety is a daily task for many of us. Luckily, once a year, we join many organizations nationwide in an effort to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. However, what is usually one week a year, AVENS is dedicating an entire month to safety awareness.

**“Safety does not just happen by accident; it should be a way of life”**

*President and CEO Daryl Dolynny*

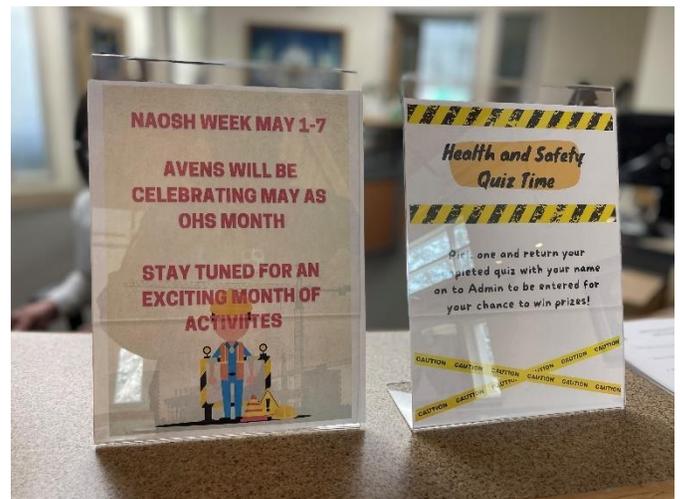
For nearly a quarter century now, Canada joined its US and Mexican counterparts in the creation of a week-long dedication to workplace injury

awareness, and AVENS has been playing a better part of this initiative since its inception.

During this month of May 2022, AVENS will be hosting several awareness opportunities for our staff. Let's take a moment to share some of these fun learning opportunities.



A “spot the hazards challenge” room was set up and dedicated to seeing if staff could spot all the hazards that were purposely left unattended



Excitement being done on campus linking safety awareness with fun and prizes

## Welcome First Year Aurora College Nursing Students

This past week AVENS received once again a new group of first year nursing students from Aurora College.

Earlier Covid-19 conditions did put some restrictions with our direct involvement of students from Aurora College. Today however, the world is starting to learn how to deal and work with Covid. Thus, we are now seeing a resurgence of old ways, when our campus halls are filled with the smiling faces of our Aurora College Nursing and PSW students.



### Introduction of AVENS Administration staff to the Aurora College first year nursing students

I had the pleasure to sit down recently with Aurora College instructor of the Nursing Bachelor program, Gloria Bott, to discuss how this new group of nursing students are fairing in this post Covid environment.

Interestingly, her response was extremely positive, indicating this first year group is full of energy.

Our Management Team also had the pleasure of introducing ourselves to this first year nursing group. I can say with conviction I saw lots of enthusiasm in the room, and I see a very strong group of future nurses for the Territory.

AVENS is very proud to be working with our Aurora College partner, as we join together to develop our future in healthcare delivery and our standards of care for our seniors.

## Pavilion Periscope Updates

As the Rock would say “We are clanging and banging” at our Pavilion work site.



Vibrations from the various blasting of our Pavilion area bedrock can be felt as far away, as downtown Yellowknife. However, these horn blasts and vibrations are coming to a close relatively soon.



**A Southeast view of our AVENS property as the Nahanni crews prepare the forming for the D wing of the Pavilion**

Today the Pavilion site is a flurry of activity with forming and framing commencing in the D wing area. This is setting the stage for the pouring of cement foundations in the very near future.

You will see that as each wing emerges at various stages of development, Nahanni work crews will rotate amongst these wings seamlessly.



**(L to R) Site visit with Nahanni representative, Brandon Fabien, AVENS President and CEO, Daryl Dolynny, and AVENS Director of Operations, Steven Nicholas**

While all of this activity is taking place, our cultural ceremonial shovel is making its way to various municipal government locations and business organizations. With a simple message of promoting good will, we are reminding folks of our upcoming ground-breaking ceremony, happening on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We know, at this time, our MP, Michael McLeod and our Minister of Health and Social Services and Seniors will be in attendance to say a few words.



**Here is our beautiful Pavilion Ceremonial Culture Shovel, designed by our very own Supervisor of Recreation and Wellness, Carol Norwegian, proudly on display at Yellowknife City Hall**

All in all, the energy is very high on the construction site, and we are looking forward to seeing more infrastructure emerge every day.

If you want to know more about our Pavilion, please visit us at [www.avensseniors.com](http://www.avensseniors.com).

## Look Who Is New On AVENS Campus

We are always pleased to see new and fresh faces on our campus. Let's take a moment to see who is new at AVENS. If you run into these folks, please welcome them, or make them feel at home.

## Kristine Kraft



Kristine is joining us as a casual RCA and is a first-year nursing student from Aurora College who prides herself on her attention to detail, multitasking, teamwork, and critical thinking skills. After coming to AVENS for her practicum, Kristine knew AVENS was the place she wanted to be to build her nursing skills. Welcome back to AVENS Kristine, best of luck with your nursing program.

## Tim Zoe- Martin



Tim is joining AVENS as our fulltime maintenance assistant. If Tim looks familiar it is because he was working with AVENS with his previous employment. His friendly demeanor was noticed by the interview team making him a sure choice for this position. A true Northerner, Tim brings a wide variety of experience to the maintenance team, as well as an inquisitive and helpful attitude. We look forward to seeing Tim expand in his new role. Welcome aboard Tim!

## Tina Carmody



Tina is joining AVENS as a casual RCA. She is a recent graduate of Aurora College PWS program. She had the opportunity to do her practicum at AVENS and could not wait for the opportunity to come back after graduation. Tina also enjoys volunteering with CNIB as well as with the dog therapy program at St. John Ambulance. It is so great to have you back with us Tina!

