

Via Email

December 19, 2025

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Mr. Aaron Lazarus, Vice President,
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Dear Messrs. Pokan, Smith & Lazarus:

Re: WSIB Grants information publicly available

You may recall we exchanged communications in August/September, 2025 with respect to public listing of WSIB grants. I inquired where/if all grants/funding agreements were located in one central location, publicly available. Mr. Lazarus advised the Board will “...continue to publicize and document through its website and social media accounts.” To refresh your memory, I have attached our exchange at **Attachment #1**.

On December 16, 2026 we located a page on the Board’s website which describes a report posted on the Board’s website entitled “[WSIB Grants Annual Allocation](#)”. The report is described to contain “information about grants awarded by the WSIB to any individual, institution or organization for the purpose of carrying on an investigation, research or training (s.159 (5) WSI.A).” The report lists grants from January 1, 2016 – October 6, 2025 and has a publish date of November 27, 2025 (**Attachment #2** is a PDF of the WSIB webpage where the report can be accessed). I have attached the excel spreadsheet report entitled **WSIB Annual Grants (2016-2025)** (The Report) at **Attachment #3**.

On review of the 2019-2024 items listed in The Report (**Attachment #3**) we note The Report is not complete, contains discrepancies, is missing grants, or contains more grants than listed on **the Board’s annual lists of research and grants program recipients** (these annual lists can be accessed on the Board’s website [here](#)). We have outlined what we noted for these years at **Appendix A**.

In addition to the discrepancies noted above, we note five of the six grants we identified in our August 27, 2025 letter are also not listed on The Report:

- **June 22, 2023:** WSIB grant of \$9.6 million to the Runnymede Health "Center of Excellence" for the mental health of first responders (see the tweet of The Premier [here](#)).
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- **August 21, 2024:** WSIB investing in the future through new scholarship programs at Fanshawe College and Western University (WSIB announcement [here](#)). \$3 million in funding for scholarship programs at Fanshawe College and Western University over the next five years.
- **November 29, 2024:** Fanshawe College Partners with WSIB to revolutionize first responder training with \$20M lab; WSIB \$20M funding for a 9,000 square foot research lab at Fanshawe College – to be called “WSIB Centre of Excellence in Immersive Technologies Simulation for Workplace Safety” (as per this article in the [Interrobang, Fanshawe College’s Student Voice](#)).
- **January 24, 2025:** WSIB grant to Lawson Research Institute of St. Joseph’s Health Care London (grant \$65.75M over 10 years). St. Joseph’s announced this [here](#) and a CBC article is [here](#). The WSIB’s LinkedIn January post is at **Appendix A**.
- **August 19, 2025:** [Nokiiwin Tribal Council and the WSIB partner to improve health and safety in Indigenous communities](#). Nokiiwin receives \$4 million over the next four years from the WSIB to develop programming around workplace health and safety.

I am writing to inquire if you can advise why the above WSIB grants are not included on The Report and why The Report, described to contain “*information about grants awarded by the WSIB to any individual, institution or organization for the purpose of carrying on an investigation, research or training (s.159 (5) WSLIA.*” is not complete/accurate.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response. You can reach me directly at 416-986-1166 or lal@laliversidge.com

Yours truly,



L.A. Liversidge

Appendix A

A. 2024

1. There are eight recipients listed on the Board's [2024 Research and Grants Program Recipients](#) list. Of these eight, only seven can be located on the Report, and the Report lists three additional grants (at Lines 54, 61 & 62, **Report at Attachment #3**).

B. 2023

1. There are eight recipients listed on the Board's [2023 Research and Grants Program Recipients](#) list. These are listed on the Report. There are also seven additional grants (totalling \$1,048,500) listed on the Report (Lines 46-52 of **Report at Attachment #3**).

C. 2022

1. There are six recipients listed on the Board's [2022 Research and Grants Program Recipients](#) list. There is one of the six listed that is not on the Report (a grant for \$797,308), and one grant listed on the Report (Line 37, **Report at Attachment #3**) that is not on the Board's 2022 annual list.

D. 2021

1. The [2021 Research and Grants Program Recipients](#) list and the Report match.

E. 2020

1. The [2020 Research and Grants Program Recipients](#) list and the Report match, however one grant sum differs. In one location the grant amount shows \$400,000, the other identifies \$797,308 (Line 30, **Report at Attachment #3**).

F. 2019

1. There are four recipients listed on the Board's [2019 Research and Grants Program Recipients](#) list and five on the Report. The additional grant on The Report is for \$594,880.84 (line 19, **Report at Attachment #3**).