

**Via Email**

August 27, 2025

Mr. Gavin Pokan, Chief Operating Officer  
Workplace Safety & Insurance Board  
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and Mr. Bruce Smith, Chief Risk and Governance Officer  
Workplace Safety & Insurance Board  
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Toronto ON M5V 3J1

Dear Messrs. Pokan & Smith:

**Re: WSIB Grants information publicly listed**

I am writing to inquire about public posting of information pertaining to grants/funding the Board has undertaken and/or announced over the last year. I have been unable to locate one central location where this information is posted and am seeking your assistance.

The Board's webpage [Research and Grants Program webpage](#) outlines the grant application process for 2025. As of earlier this month, it advises the Board is no longer accepting grant competition applications. The page also provides links the research and grant program recipients for the years 2019-2024.

Over the last year or so, the Board has issued a number of grants and/or funding arrangements. For reference, I have listed them below.

- **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](#)).
- **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.
- **October 25, 2024:** A new four-year partnership between Canadian Institute for Safety, Wellness & Performance (CISWP) and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to support research advancing health and safety in Ontario and creating safer workplaces was also announced ([Conestoga news](#)).
- **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 note that the 2023 and 2024 dated announcements listed above are not on the [2023](#) and [2024 Research and Grants Program recipients](#) page and only one (August 21, 2024) is listed on the WSIB's [News Release](#) webpage. Since they are not all listed on the noted webpages, are they centrally located elsewhere on the Board's website or in another location?

Of the two 2025 grants/funding announcements listed above, only one is listed on the WSIB's [News Release](#) webpage. Can you advise if both will be listed, and if so, when that is expected, or will they be listed centrally in another location on the Board's website or elsewhere?

In summary, I am seeking clarification on where I can locate a full list of the Board's grants/funding arrangements, as the Board's [Research and Grants Program webpage](#) and the WSIB's [News Release](#) webpage do not include all the announcements noted above.

If this grant information is publicly listed by the WSIB or government elsewhere, I would appreciate it if you would share the link(s).

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](mailto:lal@laliversidge.com)

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'L' and 'A' intertwined.

**L.A. Liversidge**

## Appendix A

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(4) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB): Posts | LinkedIn

### Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)

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We are so excited to announce our partnership with Lawson Research Institute of [St. Joseph's Health Care London](#) to transform the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of workplace injuries and illness for Ontarians.

Our 10-year commitment is our largest ever research injection. The landmark investment will bring people, technology and science-backed innovation together to launch the first-in-Canada Occupational Injury Prevention and Treatment Network. Its focus on novel solutions in workplace health will serve Ontario's workforce, and its innovations will also have worldwide impact.

For more information on how our investment will positively impact Ontarians, read our media release [here: https://lnkd.in/gJ8iykFC](https://lnkd.in/gJ8iykFC)



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## Jennifer Miller

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**From:** Aaron Lazarus <Aaron\_Lazarus@wsib.on.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 5, 2025 11:30 AM  
**To:** L.A. Liversidge; jmill@laliversidge.com  
**Cc:** David Ross; Gavin Pokan  
**Subject:** RE: Message from L.A. Liversidge - Bill 229, Schedule 6

Hello Les and Jennifer,

Thanks for your correspondence with respect to the implementation of Bill 229 and allocation of funding to partners around health and safety. Gavin and David shared your questions with me and I'm happy to respond on behalf of all of us.

### Re: Bill 229

Your interest in an accounting of Schedule 1 surplus funds used to cover retroactive claims for Schedule 2 organizations under the legislation is noted and appreciated. As you may also appreciate, the legislation came into force on July 1, 2025 and our team is now going through each claim. That includes what can be a somewhat lengthy process of information and data gathering on each claim, such as medical documentation etc. We anticipate it could take up to one year until the data would accurately reflect the true and final cost.

At that time, we'd be happy to respond to an information request with relevant and timely data.

### Re: Health and safety partnerships

You have a keen eye which is also appreciated as we partner with respected organizations across the province to invest in health and safety research and grants. Our next round of academic research grants is expected to open early in the new year, and we continue to fulfill the [commitment made in November 2024](#) to unlock \$400 million in new health and safety research and grant partnerships. We will continue to publicize and document through our website and social media accounts new partnerships and milestones around health and safety investments. That remains the best place to stay up to date on our activities.

Wishing you all the best and hope you have a good weekend.

Aaron

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**From:** Jennifer Miller <jmill@laliversidge.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025 2:49 PM  
**To:** [David.Ross@wsib.on.ca](#); Gavin Pokan <[Gavin\\_Pokan@wsib.on.ca](#)>  
**Subject:** Message from L.A. Liversidge - Bill 229, Schedule 6

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Good afternoon, Mr. Ross and Mr. Pokan,

Please find attached correspondence from Mr. Liversidge for your review.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

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