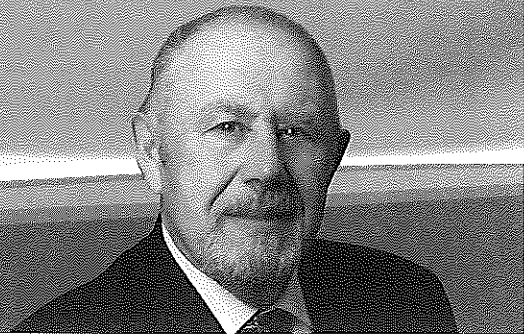


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Manitoba shares the concern over the need to protect workers from employment practices that can and unfortunately do lead to terrible consequences in some circumstances. Manitoba is committed to working proactively to attain the goal of compliance by employers of the safety requirements and regulations that can prevent the tragedies that can occur.

Manitoba has taken steps to reach the goal of deterrence of unsafe practices through prosecution where appropriate. It is recognized that general deterrence is required to send the strong message that the need for compliance with safety requirements is not optional.

Manitoba has a specialized team of prosecutors who are responsible for the oversight and conduct the actual prosecutions of the vast majority of Workplace Safety and Health related offences. Prior to charges being laid, Manitoba Crown Attorneys review all the matters to discuss the most appropriate charges. The individual Crown ensures that both *Criminal Code* and Provincial Offence charges are considered for every serious matter.

The investigative agency from Workplace Safety and Health is led by a former and experienced RCMP officer who has significant experience with the *Criminal Code* and is alive to the necessary investigative practices.

Manitoba Prosecutions and Workplace Safety and Health maintain a very positive relationship and there are regular meetings that take place between these entities. The close working relationship also stems from the review process that is in place where there is coordination and most often, discussion on every major file.

Worker safety is a priority for Manitoba and we are pleased to share what we have done to affirm that priority.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarence Pettersen', written over a horizontal line.

Clarence Pettersen, MLA  
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