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Manitoba Human Rights Commission goes North

Yvonne Peters, Chairperson of the Manitoba Human Rights Board of Commissioners, will be visiting The Pas in February. She hopes to learn from the community about what their experiences are with discrimination and harassment in the workplace, so the Commission can develop strategies and programs to directly address discrimination in Northern Manitoba.

In June, 2013, the Commission received a strong message from employers and managers in The Pas that the business community in the North was very interested in human rights issues and wanted programs delivered to The Pas and to the North in general.

“We are looking for ways to broaden the reach of our message that every person should be treated on the basis of their personal merit and that there is no tolerance for prejudice or stereotyping based on race, sex or any other characteristic protected in *The Human Rights Code*.” say Ms Peters.

In March the Commission will also be sending a team to Thompson to facilitate a human rights seminar currently offered in Winnipeg and Brandon and host human rights rallies in a number of schools in Thompson. The team will also visit Nelson House.

Ms Peters, accompanied by the Commission’s Legal Counsel Isha Khan, will be in The Pas on February 18, 2015 to deliver a free presentation called **Discrimination in the Workplace**. This presentation will include information on discrimination, harassment and reprisal with a focus on the protected grounds of ancestry, sex and disability. Employers, managers and human resources professionals, as well as the general public, are welcome.

“We would like to take the opportunity to ensure the public is aware of the protections found in *the Human Rights Code*” says Yvonne Peters. “This is also an opportunity for us to listen and learn the concerns of northern employers or employees.”

The Commission will also visit the University College of the North (UCN).

The presentation **Discrimination in the Workplace** is free, but those who wish to attend must register.

Discrimination in the Workplace

Time: 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Place: Wescana Inn, 439 Fisher Avenue, The Pas

For more information or to register for this session: Call Marjorie Nabess at (204) 627-8271 or email hrc@gov.mb.ca

Yvonne Peters is available for interviews prior to this event and following the presentation.

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