# Local Safety Team Meeting Minutes

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| **Name of Team:**  | MCML Local Safety Team | **Chair(s):** | **Andy Jeffries**  |

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| **Date:**  | Feb 24, 2023 | **Time:** | 11:00 AM |
| **Location:** | Remotely via Zoom |

**AGENDA:**

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| 1. Roll Call
2. Review Central Accident/Incident Reporting System (CAIRS) report of Accidents/Incidents
* Monthly Incident List & Statistical Summary Report
1. Review Workplace Safety Inspections (including any changes to equipment, machinery or work processes that may affect the health or safety of workers)
 | 1. Review Education and Training
2. Ongoing Business – Status of Action Items, Review of Previous Minutes
3. New and Other Business
4. Next Meeting
5. Meeting Adjournment
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| 1. **ROLL CALL**
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| **Worker Representatives** | **Work Location** | **Present** | **Regrets** | **Absent** |
| Imelda Cheung | MCML | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Alan Lee  | MCML | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Sylvia Leung | MCML | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Jimmy (Juli Carillo’s grad student) Kyu Ha | MCML | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Lewis Fausak | MCML | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  |
| Thorsten Knipfer | MCML | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Jack Edgar | MCML | [ ]  | [ ]  | [x]  |
| **Employer Representatives** | **Work Location** | **Present** | **Regrets** | **Absent** |
| Andy Jeffries | MCML | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Resources/Guests** | **Work Location** | **Present** | **Regrets** | **Absent** |
| Samuel Holden | MCML | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Ishwinder Kamboj | MCML | [ ]  | [ ]  | [x]  |
| Peter Kalynyak | MCML/Plant Care | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

Approve Previous Month’s Minutes? Yes [x]  No [ ]

| 1. **REVIEW CAIRS REPORT OF ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS:**
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| See attached incident report:Monthly Incident List & Statistical Summary Report *(make note of trends etc. For any general CAIRS information that requires discussion or action, please record under “New Business”. Any incident specific items and follow up requests are to be listed below)* |
| (*\* See Legend at end for Priority and Status Codes)* |
| **Item #**(Use CAIRS Incident ID #) | **Priority** | **Date** | **Action Plan****(Actions Taken/Need to be taken)** | **Assigned To** | **Follow up: Date Pending** | **Status** |
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| 1. **REVIEW OF WORKPLACE SAFETY INSPECTIONS (including any changes to equipment, machinery or work processes that may affect the health or safety of workers)**
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| **Inspections for January: MCML 144/148,202 (CL),** **Inspections for February: MCML 214,218 (IC), 192/194 (IC/LF/AJ), Greenhouse and Totem (MB,TS,AJ,LF,IC), Ext, Stairwells, General Interior (AJ/LF),****Inspections for March: None** |
| **Item #**(Use Inspection #) | **Priority** | **Discussion/Comments/Recommendations** | **Assigned To** | **Follow up: Date Pending** | **Status** |
| MCML 308M-46 | C | Chemicals in 308B are stored alphabetically and not by hazard class. Review chemical inventory and organize chemicals by hazard class. Lan will look up SDSs and the hazard class for each chemical in the space and tabulate in a google sheet. | PK/LF/IC | May 31, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 136M-16 | C | Heavy items stored up high on shelves in 136C may cause injuries if they fall. Review items and condense; if necessary, move to lower shelves or install shelf ledges or ropes. \*combined\* | ZN/LF | Apr 30, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 136BM-16 | C | 136B is crowded and some items are piled up high, posing falling hazard to occupant in the room. Review inventory of items in the room and ensure storage bins are not piled above 6ft height. LF suggests that our work learn student can help tidy up this space. | ZN/LF | Apr 30, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 136CM-16 | C | Heavy items stored up high on shelves, at risk of falling to cause injuries. Review items to determine if they can be move lower or get disposed of. If they must stay, install shelf ledges or ropes or doors. LF will email ZN to initiate work. | ZN/LF | Apr 30, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 144/148/48AM-21 | C | Heating and ventilation not adequate in 48A. Inspect and evaluate to see what actions to take. Inquire whether the air quality evaluation will trigger some work on space. We are also investigating the exhaust fan at the same time. AJ will follow up on progress. Still awaiting response – AJ will update. Only a booster fan so things that got drawn up to the vent may come down at the other end of the room. AJ to check for further updates on what’s next step. Dust mask is used in the space and a maximum of 1 hr work in the space have been in placed as risk control measures. Put signage “Hoods not operational – please see Operations for training”. Protocols have been put in place such that workers in the space will not be exposed to dusts. Andy J will follow up with building ops next month to see if the hoods can be operational. The blower of the hood is broken and we are waiting for someone to come fix it. AJ confirmed that UBC building operations ordered and received the new fan unit and will be coming to fix it in early February. | CL/AJ | Feb 28, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 26M-19 | C | Missing documentation and records for safety and training in the space. There are only a couple of users at present in 26. Send an email to PI (Juli and Simone) to ensure they are aware of the need for training documentation and give them documents to help get them started with training set up. JH has commented that instrument manual is the only “safety” information provided and suggested perhaps troubleshooting guide is a more major part that should be covered since leaks will disable the sensors, rendering the chambers non-functional. IC will draft a brief training document for review. LF has reached out to Juli Carrillo regarding who should be supervising the space. Some users are reviewing the documents. Some maintenance protocols may be added, such as condensers, filters, etc. LF has added some details and it’s under review with AJ. The document is under review with Chelsea in Juli’s group. It’s almost complete. | LF/IC | Feb 28, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 230GM-34 | C | Some chemicals in large containers are being stored in cardboard boxes on the floor. Arrange for proper chemical disposal through HWIS. One batch has been sent off in late May. Another batch will be done in August. This will be postponed to December when first term ends. IC has submitted the solutions to HWIS and is waiting for approval to dispose of the chemicals. The chemicals have been disposed of. This item is complete. | IC | Feb 24, 2023 | C |
| MCML 180FD-17 | C | A big hole in the ceiling was covered with duct tape. It is located at the left corner of the room. Have it assessed prior to submitting a service request to get it fixed. Consult with Andy. Service request has been submitted. Space was inspected, AJ met with crew members. AJ to contact SALA to inspect upstairs space. Do not see immediate concern as of now. | LF | Jan 31, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 336D-2 | C | Some lockers are full but with no owners. Empty contents to make available for room occupants. Notes were placed on lockers requesting to have them vacated by the end of the summer.  | IC/LN | May 31, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 339D-2 | C | Office space is cluttered that can lead to falling hazard. Email occupant to reduce clutters. LF emailed occupant, who has started to empty some of the shelves. | LF | Feb 24, 2023 | C |
| MCML 59A-8 | B | Fire drill has been postponed due to the many projects occurring in the MCML building. A fire drill will be scheduled in early 2023. After discussion, AJ suggests it will be best to schedule for end of term 2 near end of April. We’ll still need to seek for new floor wardens. In next meeting, review floor warden list and recruit new candidates. Review BERP. | AJ | Feb 28, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 59A-12 | B | Food safe concerns in facility due to general tidiness and sanitation practice. Dirty dishes were observed scattered over the place and knife was seen left on the counter unattended. Open food packaging was left out in unlocked facility overnight. It is recommended that the Agora Café review food safe practice to ensure daily clean-up is performed at the facility with the proper use of sanitizer. Food ingredients and materials should be locked in facilities to avoid chances of contamination and tampering by public. AJ will discuss with Cody to ensure safe practice. | Agora/AJ | Mar 31, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 56H-4 | B | One panel of cage #6 can no longer be closed properly as stacked boxes are tilting and pushing against the panel. Heavy boxes need to be re-positioned to alleviate pressure against the panel. Fix the cage panel so it can be closed. | AJ | Nov 30, 2022 | IP |
| MCML 56H-20 | C | There are increasing clutters of materials outside of the cages. Users of cages should be advised to keep materials in the cages but not in the general access area in the room. IC to email PRSSS and other groups that have materials stored outside of assigned cages. PRSSS has started to do some work cleaning their cage. | LFS operations | Jan 31, 2023 | IP |
| MCML 66S-5 | C | Visual cracks observed on the ceiling (currently above the position of the pool table). Inspect water leaks from upstairs to follow up. | AJ | Apr 30, 2023 | N |
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*\* GI- General Inspection*

| 1. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
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| **Recommended items to discuss at JOHSC/LST Meeting** **Peter Joseph Leaving UBC**Peter Joseph, Associate, Safety Programs Management & Systems is leaving UBC on January 27, 2023. Peter has been the University’s key point of contact for accident investigations and CAIRS and will be deeply missed. In the meantime, any questions regarding CAIRS can be sent to ubc.cairs@ubc.ca.**Building Emergency Response Plan (BERP**)The [BERP](https://ready.ubc.ca/get-informed/emergency-plans/) template has been updated and accompanied by a list of changes.  Please remember to annually review the BERP for your building and distribute a final copy to all the building occupants.  Remember to schedule an annual fire drill once within a calendar year!  Instructions on how to schedule a drill is included in the BERP along with guidance on what to do for persons requiring assistance.  **Informational Items** **Additional 8 hours of training opportunities**All JOHSC members are entitled to an additional 8 hours of training.  Below are a few upcoming local and virtual conferences. Registration and costs associated will be the responsibility of your department.* [Women in Safety Conference](https://womeninsafety.ca/#events__overview) (virtual) on March 9
* [Western Conference on Safety](https://wcs.pacificsafetycenter.com/) (in-person) on May 1&2 at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver

**Freezer Challenge**Does your lab have refrigerators, freezers, or cold rooms for sample storage? If so, join the International Laboratory Freezer Challenge! Compete with labs to**improve sample accessibility & integrity, reduce costs, and improve energy efficiency**for cold storage in your lab! UBC labs on both Vancouver and Okanagan campuses will win prizes for their participation in the Freezer Challenge and that participation automatically helps UBC compete internationally with other universities to win the challenge! Learn more here: <https://sustain.ubc.ca/international-freezer-challenge>**Pink Shirt Day**On February 22, wear pink to show your support for an end to bullying and harassment in our communities.  At UBC, we strive to provide a safe, respectful and productive environment for our faculty, staff and students.  The [UBC Respectful Environment Statement](http://www.hr.ubc.ca/respectful-environment/) outlines our principles about creating a respectful environment for all.  Visit <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/> for more information. **JOHSC and LST Training**New dates have been released for JOHSC and LST training. You can register for JOHSC training [here](https://wpl.ubc.ca/browse/srs/johsc/programs/wpl-srs-johsco), and LST training [here](https://wpl.ubc.ca/browse/srs/johsc/courses/wpl-srs-lst).

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| **JOHSC Training** | **LST Training** |
| **Part 2a** | **Part 2b** | **Part 2a** | **Part 2b** |
| March 8th10:00am – 12:00pm | March 15th1:30pm – 3:30pm | February 15th9:30am – 11:00am | February 22nd10:30am – 12:00pm |
| May 11th10:00am – 12:00pm | May 15th9:00am – 11:00am | April 11th1:00pm – 2:30pm | April 13th10:00am – 11:30am |

WorkSafeBC Inspection Reports (IR)There were 2 WorkSafeBC Inspection Reports received since the last co-chair email. **Sustainability Tips**None. |

| 1. **ONGOING BUSINESS – Status of Action Items (includes review of previous meeting minutes)**
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| Items from JOHSC / RMS or other?  |
| **Original Item #** | **Priority** | **Action Plan****(Actions Taken/Need to be taken)** | **Assigned To** | **Follow up: Date Pending** | **Status** |
| **121** | **C** | Revisit the need for biosafety permits for some laboratories in MCML as research activities continue to increase. Gurcharn’s research may involve risk groups 1 or 2 activities and perhaps require biosafety permit. Gurcharn’s research currently spans in different areas including MCML 214, 230 and 302. It is important to find out whether a biosafety permit is necessary, and whether the biowastes generated from research needs to be properly autoclaved prior to sending for disposal. Rupinder S is the new manager of the group and is working on getting the biosafety permit. AJ has emailed PI to inquire on progress. RS is working on implementing biosafety procedures/permit for the lab. RS is completing the biosafety training before he can apply for biosafety permit. As this researcher’s space is undergoing renovation (start mid-may) RS will process permit of internal room in 214. 214A will be the location for BSC and future cell culture work. Samuel has obtained the permit and should be posted in 214A. IC to follow up on obtaining the red tag/barcode sticker. Samuel has completed biosafety training, initiated the permit application but now awaiting PI to complete the biosafety training in order to continue the application. The red tag/barcode sticker cannot be obtained until the biosafety permit is obtained. In the meantime, IC has arranged with SRS to pick up unautoclaved wastes in yellow bins using IC’s tags/barcode. IC has noticed the used of biohazard sharp containers for general Risk Group 1 wastes. SL has confirmed she did not order them so lab has acquired those independently. IC will confirm how these are to be disposed of as these are non-reusable containers. The biohazard sharp containers should be tape-sealed, red tagged and put in chemical cage for pick-up. AJ will follow-up. IC will talk to Sam about the waste handling and AJ will chase after Gurcharn to complete the permit application. Sam has got the hazardous waste tags and barcode stickers for the lab, awaiting final permit application submission in March 2023 for the official biosafety permit. | **AJ/IC/RS** | **Nov 30, 2022** | **IP** |
| **125** | **C** | A suggestion has been made to update the General Guide such that researcher will select the type of work areas (field, farm, office and/or lab), then the corresponding lab and field guides will follow. This will take time to test and implement and is expected to take on by the summer work learn student with some help from LC. LF will follow-up with learning center. Pop-up boxes seem more appropriate for other Guides after submission – IC will explore options on this. | **IC/LF** | **May 31, 2023** | **IP** |
| **140** | **C** | **Antimicrobial copper plate installation at LFS buildings. AJ is in conversation to arrange for timeline for installation. AJ will be awaiting finalization of copper plate details before installation at MCML. AJ did not receive any updates but will email TECK for information. This conversation halted since Sept 2022 and the program funding should have depleted. AJ will follow up once more for updates next month.** | **AJ** | **Jan 31, 2023** | **IP** |
| **144** | **C** | **LST member training – is there one? Is it mandatory for all LST members? There used to be one to introduce use of SharePoint and how to properly conduct a safety inspection of space. AJ will check and follow up in next meeting. There is one – it has shown up in the informational item above. New members in the LST will be encouraged to take the training as soon as possible. Yes, there is an LST training, new members and Jimmy need to complete the training.**  | **LF** | **Feb 24, 2023** | **C** |
| **148** | **C** | **Discuss with MB to nominate someone from the Plant Care facilities to either join JOHSC or MCM LST meeting. AJ will reach out. MB is just back from vacation and is training new personnel in the facilities. MB requests time to get up to speed before providing someone to sit on MCML LST. AJ will email MB for a candidate to sit on LST. MB has nominated Peter K to sit in the MCML LST meeting.** | **AJ** | **Feb 24, 2023** | **C** |
| **149** | **C** | **CL suggests Jack from JT’s group as new member for LST. IC will email to invite him to monthly LST meeting starting January 2023. The group also discusses that perhaps someone mainly working in the lab for Gurcharn group will be more suitable to sit on LST. IC will reach out to Samuel to gauge interest. Jack has agreed to join our LST; Samuel will ask Ishwinder to join our next meeting as she will be the most appropriate person to sit on the committee. Ishwinder is away and will join March meeting.** | **IC** | **Feb 24, 2023** | **C** |
| **150** | **E** | **Review 2023 space inspections schedule. Make appropriate adjustments wherever required.** | **IC** | **Jan 31, 2023** | **C** |
| **151** | **E** | **Review 2023 MCML LST Terms of Reference. Edit membership change. Nominate chairs for 2023. TK, JH, SL agree to stay; JE agree to join; SH will invite the new lab manager of Gurcharn’s group to join Feb meeting to officially participate. Ishwinder is away but SH confirmed that Ishwinder will join the LST and SH will be the alternate. The LST TOR is updated and will be posted on the intranet.** | **IC** | **Mar 2, 2023** | **C** |
| **152** | **E** | **Introduce Green Lab Funds (**[Green Labs Fund (ubc.ca)](https://sustain.ubc.ca/get-involved/green-labs-program/green-labs-fund?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=January-2023-Green-Labs-newsletter&utm_source=Envoke-2---GreenLabs&utm_term=Our-new-Green-Labs-course-is-LIVE%21))**and Workplace Sustainability Fund (**[Workplace Sustainability Fund (ubc.ca)](https://sustain.ubc.ca/get-involved/sustainability-funding-opportunities/workplace-sustainability-fund?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Workplace-Sustainability-Fund-&utm_source=Envoke-SC-Dispatch---All-SCs&utm_term=Reminder%3A-Apply-to-Workplace-S)) | **LF** | **Jan 31, 2023** | **C** |
| **153** |  | **MCML 180 C walk in cold room has broken down. It will take some time to fix. Temporary storage is moved to 230A. Installation of whole new cooling system will start end of January. Cooler has been fixed and is now operational** | **LFS operations** | **Feb 24, 2023** | **C** |
| **154** | **C** | **TK mentioned about a system in his lab that went offline during a short power outage. It is important that these outages are circulated to PIs/lab managers so that they can inspect the sensitive instruments that cannot reboot on its own. IC suggests to compile a list of important equipment from PIs in MCML so Operations will know to notify the PIs/lab manager or to take a look on the instrument in house. Specific time period of outage will be important to determine if experiments need to be re-done. Check with UBC IT/power team. A survey has been created to collect information on sensitive equipment at MCML (**<https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4GfR6azRqxnZ6Mm> ) | **LFS operations** | **Jan 31, 2023** | **IP** |
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| 1. **NEW & OTHER BUSINESS**
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| Items from JOHSC / RMS or other? |
| **Item #** | **Priority** | **Discussion and/or Action Items** | **Assigned To** | **Date to be Completed** | **Status** |
| **155** | **C** | **Chemical Amnesty program and old gas cylinder disposal.** | **AJ** | **Feb 24, 2023** | **N** |
| **156** |  |  |  |  |  |

| 1. **ITEMS TO BE TABLED**
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| While the university is operating under emergency circumstances the committee agrees that the following items are to be referred forward until the committee and department have the capacity to continue with these health & safety items. Items that remain in ongoing & new business have taken precedent during the department’s response to COIVD-19 and the scaled back work arrangements. The committee agrees that the items below will be re-assessed based on the departments’ safety needs at a time more suitable time. **Motion to table items:** Moved by: Imelda C. Seconded by: Lewis F.  **.**  |
| **Original Item #** | **Priority** | **Action Plan****(Actions Taken/Need to be taken)** | **Assigned To** | **Follow up: Date Pending** | **Status** |
| MCML 302M-35, M-36 | C | Chemical inventory and SDS not readily available or up-to-date; setup in Quartzy in progress; EJ has located chemical inventory and will pass to IC; Inventory is quite dated so up-to-date inventory will be performed by work learn students. Due to Covid-19, the inventory work has been halted. IC has picked up the inventory update work and will continue. Inventory has been updated and in process of entering into Quartzy. Chemical inventory has been updated on Quartzy. SDSs will be updated as soon as possible. The Quartzy information has been shared with Thorsten and Eduardo. Since SDS work will take a long duration, the LST members have agreed to table this item. Most chemicals in the room have been removed or relocated. The inventory will be updated on Quartzy to reflect this. Thorsten has occupied the lab and removed most chemicals. This item is complete. | Tk/IC | Feb 24, 2023 | C |
| MCML 220 – 240M-33 | D | Labels are not WHMIS 2015 compliant; prepare labels that adhere to WHMIS 2015 standards; Frequently used chemicals will be prioritized with the aim to update 20 labels at a time until all chemicals’ labels are WHMIS 2015 compliant. Most chemicals have up-to-date labels so this item is closed. | IC | Feb 24, 2023 | C |
| MCML 120M-15 | C | Cord on a shaker is frayed near the plug-in. Place a sign to indicate shaker non-operational until fixed. Fix the cord. The equipment is in the workshop to be fixed and no one can use it. This item can be closed | LF/AJ | Feb 24, 2023 | C |

| 1. **NEXT MEETING**
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| Date: | Mar 31, 2023 |
| Time: | 11:00 AM |
| Location | Remotely via Zoom or MCML 139  |

| 1. **MEETING ADJOURNED**
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| Time: | 12:05 pm |

**LEGEND**

| **PRIORITY:** | **STATUS:**  |
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| **A** | Critical/Life threatening/high probability  | **N** | New |
| **B** | Urgent/moderate probability of re-occurrence | **R** | Repeat |
| **C** | Important/low probability of re-occurrence | **C** | Complete |
| **D** | Reminders | **IP** | In Progress |
| **E** | Information | **RF** | Referred forward |

**Send a copy of the meeting minutes report to the JOHSC. Highlight important items that must be reviewed/discussed at next JOHSC meeting.**

**Monthly Distribution and Posting of Approved Meeting Minutes (Required):**

* All LST members
* Appropriate JOHSC
* Risk Management Service