COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Prime Contractor Responsibilities

**Duties of Prime Contractor**

The prime contractor for a construction project must:

* ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that every person involved in work on the project complies with the act and the regulations
* coordinate, organize and oversee the performance of all work at the construction project site and conduct their own activities in such a way as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that no person is exposed to risks to their safety or health arising out of, or in connection with activities at the construction project site
* cooperate with any other person exercising a duty imposed by the act or the regulations
* comply with The Workplace Safety and Health Act and the regulations

The prime contractor is legally responsible for:

* setting up an effective system to ensure everyone involved in work at the project meets their legal safety and health obligations
* co-coordinating, organizing and monitoring work on the project to ensure reasonable and practical precautions are in place to effectively control safety and health hazards
* co-coordinating the safety and health programs of contracted employers

In addition, the prime contractor is responsible for establishing a workplace safety and health committee at a construction project site, if:

* 20 or more workers are involved, or are expected to be involved, in work on a construction project
* the project is expected to require more than 90 days to complete