



**MINUTES OF THE
THIRD AMUSEMENT RIDES SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2018**

DATE: September 10, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

LOCATION: Safety Codes Council Office, Edmonton

PRESENT: *Sub-Council Members*
Bill Church, Chair
David Buzzeo
Danielle Gillespie, Vice Chair
Bill Kane (via Conference Call)
Lee Nguy
Julian Power

Safety Codes Council
Allison Karch, Yvonne Wille

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Dean Bruce, Katrina Sholdice, Bohdan Yard, Charlene Campo

AEDARSA
Dean McKernon

REGRETS: Brian Mykitiuk

RECORDER: Sandi Orr

2019 MEETINGS: February 25, October 7

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and a round table introduction was held.

1.1. Agenda Adoption

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 2.3. Reappointment of Bill Church to represent Fairs and Exhibitions

Danielle Gillespie / Lee Nguy moved that the agenda be adopted, as amended, with a flexible order of business; CARRIED

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Danielle Gillespie / Lee Nguy moved that the minutes of the May 30, 2018 be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. ASTM F2783-17 Code Recommendation

The following industry feedback was provided on the impacts of the ASTM Standard on trampoline parks (F2783-17):

- The Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions is supportive of adopting the standards as published
- There was no feedback from the Risk and Insurance Management perspective, as a meeting has not been held to gain feedback
- There was no feedback from the Portables industry as there are no portable trampoline facilities

Municipal Affairs engaged trampoline park owners through face-to-face discussions in Red Deer, and an online survey. An overview of the feedback and their analysis was provided to the sub-council. At this time, it is unclear what tangible impact the standard could have on public safety concerns in trampoline parks. As this new standard could represent a larger policy shift, government needs to carefully consider the far-reaching impacts of regulating trampoline parks and specifically enforcing this standard. Municipal Affairs is continuing its investigation on the impacts.

Municipal Affairs has discussed trampoline injuries with Alberta Health and has reviewed injury data from other jurisdictions. Unfortunately, at this time, it is difficult to differentiate between injuries on home trampolines vs. public facilities. Anecdotally, there are more incidents in private residences than trampoline parks. Additionally, some owners have reported to Municipal Affairs that trampoline park popularity seems to be on the downswing—with several operations closing or converting to extreme sport facilities.

A report is being compiled for the Minister by the Policy Department. As the Amusement Rides Standards Regulation utilizes automatic code adoption, ASTM F2783-17 will automatically be in force on December 1, 2018 unless delayed through Ministerial Order. It was noted that the regulation specifically states that waterslides and go-karts are not regulated. If the code is automatically adopted as-is, Bumper Boats, Aquatic Play Equipment, Aerial Adventure Courses, Permanent Railway Ride Tracks and Related Devices, Trampoline Courts, Amusement Railway Rides, Devices and Facilities, Parasailing, and Stationary Wave Systems **could potentially** become regulated in Alberta. A recommendation is being sought from the sub-council on a path forward. The current Alberta policy is formulated around mechanical rides that are operator controlled. The new devices added to the standard include trampoline parks these types of devices are controlled by the patron, and are muscle powered.

The sub-council can make a recommendation to the Minister on the adoption of ASTM F2783-17. Alternatively to recommending timely code adoption run it's course, one option could be to recommend the adoption of ASTM F2783-17 with additional exclusions, or to delay adoption of the code until more information was available on trampoline parks and the other new additions to the latest ASTM standard. It was explained that if a delay occurs, the existing Amusement Ride Regulation, and the 2014 edition of the ASTM standard currently referenced, would still be in force. No issues with the current standard were raised in comparison to the 2018 edition.

An in-depth discussion was held, and it is believed that a delay of the automatic adoption is needed to provide time to make an informed recommendation by consulting with the insurance industry, Alberta Health, and other stakeholders regarding the impacts of regulating trampoline parks and other patron-powered devices. Traditionally, patron-powered devices have not been regulated in Alberta and a change to this policy could have significant impacts.

Danielle Gillespie / Julian Power moved to recommend to the Minister, through the Board, that the adoption of ASTM F2783-17 be delayed until more information is available to the sub-council to make an informed recommendation on whether to regulate trampoline parks and other patron-powered devices; CARRIED

2.2. Nomination of Bob Wyatt to represent Small Outdoor Amusement Parks

The letter of nomination and nominee's resume were included in the portal.

Lee Nguy / Julian Power moved to recommend to the Board, the appointment of Bob Wyatt to the Amusement Rides Sub-Council, representing the Small Outdoor Amusement Parks industry segment, for a term ending January 31, 2021, effective immediately; CARRIED

2.3. Reappointment of Bill Church to represent Fairs and Exhibitions

The letter of re-nomination was included in the portal.

Danielle Gillespie / Julian Power moved to recommend to the Board, the reappointment of Bill Church to the Amusement Rides Sub-Council, representing the Fairs and Exhibitions industry segment, for a term ending January 31, 2022, effective immediately; CARRIED

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date	Responsible	Status/Update
1.	Process Chart for Standards	The process chart for standards will be included in the portal.	Sep 11/17	Bruce/Karch	Completed, will be removed from action list
2.	ASTM F2783-17 Review and Adoption	The Administrator asks all members to go back to their industry segments to determine any impacts if new devices referenced in the newly published ASTM F2783-17 standard are regulated. (Bumper Boats, Aquatic Play Equipment, Aerial Adventure Courses, Permanent Railway Ride Tracks and Related Devices, Trampoline Courts, Amusement Railway Rides, Devices and Facilities, Parasailing, Stationary Wave Systems.)	Sep 11/17	All	In progress
		The member representing Risk and Insurance Management was asked to research insurance industry data on how many operators were found liable for trampoline park incidents.	Apr 30/18	Buzzeo	In progress
		All members were asked to provide reports on their association's opinion on adopting the ASTM F2783-17 Code as-is.	Apr 30/18	All	In progress
3.	Validation of Course 100176 – Amusement Rides Group A ASTM	One member noted a small correction that will be forwarded to Allison Karch to incorporate into the course materials.	Apr 30/18	Gillespie	Completed, will be removed from action list

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. Understand ASTM – Presentation

Dean McKernon provided a presentation on understanding ASTM Committee F24. Highlights of the presentation included an overview of the following:

- ASTM has 30,000 members in 148 countries
- 90 different memorandums of understanding
- 145 main committees and almost 20,000 sub-committees

- 12,000 standards that ins test methods, specifications, practices, guides, classifications and terminology and developed through a consensus process
- How ASTM standards are adopted and the countries that adopt ASTM Amusement Ride Standards
- ASTM F24’s main committee and sub-committees and their voting processes
- ASTM F24 Standards were developed in 1978, and now have 25 standards with 950 members, on 11 sub-committees
- Core standards
- Standards for test methods, design and construction, and maintenance and inspection, and operations
- Patron-powered standards that are not regulated under the Safety Codes Act
- Standards Harmonization activities

Members were reminded that sub-council members can become ASTM members and the Council will pay for membership. Membership will also provide members with a copy of the ASTM F24 Standards.

The presentation was added to the portal for additional reference.

4.2. AEDARSA Report

An overview was provided of the Amusement Ride inspections completed this past season.

4.3. 2019 Meeting Schedule

The following meeting dates were recommended:

- Monday, February 25, 2019
- Monday, October 7, 2019

These dates were tentatively set and will be confirmed in October. [Council Administration]

4.3.1. Meeting Start Time

The survey suggested a variety of start time preferences by members. Consensus was reached to leave the start time at 9:00 a.m.

4.4. Administrator/Municipal Affairs Report

The Administrator reported that the biggest topic of discussion in his department has been trampoline parks. An overview was provided on the meeting held with the trampoline park owners as well as questions asked of ASTM regarding regulating trampolines.

4.5. Council Updates

The following report was provided:

- Effective Meetings Training – October 29, 2018
- Appeals Training – October 30, 2018
- New Member Orientation – November 20, 2018
- The Council Conference will be May 29-31, 2019 and any recommendations for speakers would be appreciated
- Gas is the feature discipline for the 2019 conference
- An overview was provided of the new format for action lists

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Meeting and Agenda Feedback

There was nothing new to bring forward.

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for Monday, February 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Council office.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

Danielle Gillespie / David Buzzeo moved that the meeting be adjourned; CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

-- NEW ACTION ITEMS --

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