



**MINUTES OF THE
FIRST FIRE SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2021**

DATE: January 21, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Safety Codes Council Office, Edmonton

PRESENT: *Sub-Council Members*
Michael Bos, Chair
Cameron Bardas
Allan Blatz
Joseph Davis
Richard Friesen
Mark Heiderich
Cammie Laird
Hunter Langpap
Stephen Suen
Marc Royer
Chris Taylor

Safety Codes Council
Kathryn Derkach, Jennifer Johnson

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Tina Parker, Cindy Yan

REGRETS: Robbin Foxcroft, Vice Chair
Gary Mayorchak, Vice Chair
John Penzo
Jim Robinson

GUESTS: Corey Klimchuk, BSC Liaison; Glen Baxter

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2021 MEETINGS: March 18, May 20, September 16, November 25

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A round table introduction was held and videoconference tips were shared.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Item 2.1.3 Vice Chair Election

Cammie Laird/Joe Davis moved that the agenda be adopted, as amended; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the November 19, 2020 Minutes

Marc Royer/Chris Taylor moved to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Closed Session

Joe Davis/Richard Friesen moved to go into closed session; CARRIED.

Chris Taylor/Cammie Laird moved to come out of closed session; CARRIED.

2.1.1. Reappointment of Marc Royer to represent Urban Municipalities

Hunter Langpap/Stephen Suen moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Marc Royer to the Fire Sub-Council to represent Urban Municipalities for a term ending January 31, 2024, effective February 1, 2021; CARRIED.

2.1.2. Chair Election

This item was chaired by Vice Chair Hunter Langpap

The floor was opened for nominations and Chris Taylor nominated Mike Bos as Chair of the Fire Sub-Council; Mike Bos accepted the nomination. The Vice Chair called for any other nominations; none were received. **Mike Bos was appointed Chair of the Fire Sub-Council by acclamation.**

2.1.3. Vice Chair Election

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair - North and Marc Royer nominated Hunter Langpap as Vice Chair- North of the Fire Sub-Council; Hunter Langpap accepted the nomination. The Chair called for any other nominations; none were received. **Hunter Langpap was appointed Vice Chair - North of the Fire Sub-Council by acclamation.**

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date Initiated	Responsible	Status/Update
1.	Qualified Persons Registry (E.2.06.11)	Communicate status of registry	Nov 23/16	Orr	Ongoing
2.	Exiting to a Public Thoroughfare	BSC feels nothing further can be done from their perspective however, discussions regarding accessibility are happening at a national level which may help resolve this issue in the next code cycle. Would be enforceable under the building code however emergency response requirements would still apply.	Nov 14/19	Taylor/Gratton	No further action expected. Remove from action item list.
3.	Fire Inspection Reports	Administrator awaiting approval from Members on documents. If acceptable the Administrator requests Council to post on their website and supply as part of training	May 13/20	Blatz/Laird	Recommended to incorporate categories similar to the Edmonton Fire Report. Administrator will send updated version to Cammie and Allan.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. Farm Buildings

The following was discussed:

- Andrew Smith from the BSC will present regarding this item at the next FSC meeting
- The Administrator shared the following statistics regarding fires and farm buildings from 2010 to November 2020: 177 billion dollars in farm building losses; 14 deaths, 26 injuries, 1 missing; 107 instances of arson/set fires
- It was noted by members that numbers show there are areas we can help with (ie. malfunctions that could be prevented)
- More farm businesses are insuring their policies on commercial policies; loss prevention is the same whether categorized as commercial or a farm
- Commercial buildings are supposed to be built to the building code; farm code applies to buildings that don't fit that definition (ie. low human occupancy such as a large hog facility)
- There is potential for insurance to encourage change in this area, some companies require measures above the farm code but each company handles it differently

- Add to matters arising and Administrator will provide updates as it moves forward
[Council Staff]

4.2. Working Group Reports

4.2.1. Code Review

A report was posted in the portal and the following was discussed:

- Working on recommendations for code changes, hope to have final report completed soon
- Items referring to other legislation will be noted and explained in the appendix

Chris Taylor/Joe Davis moved to add Glenn Baxter and Hunter Langpap to the Code Review Working Group; CARRIED.

4.3. BSC Liaison Report

The BSC Liaison reported:

- Interesting discussion regarding COVID-19 and ventilation
- Trade Off for Sprinklers in Part 9 Buildings working group presentation
- Access to Interior Stairways working group worked with FSC representative to incorporate firefighter perspective; working on final edits and will have final report soon

4.4. Administrator/AMA Report

The Administrator reported:

- Most staff working from home. Municipal Affairs no longer has a fax line. Please call our toll free number or scan and email safety.services@gov.ab.ca with any documents
- 3 new safety tips on the Council website on Fire Safety Plans, Fire Drills, and Freezing of Fire Suppression Systems
- Use of containers, portable tanks and transportation tanks for the ongoing storage and dispensing of flammable liquids and combustible liquids STANDATA has been issued
- April 1st deadline for Code Review Working Group
- Working with technical advisor on research regarding lithium battery storage, Mark Heiderich will forward data and Administrator will set up a meeting to discuss. It was requested that any member with further information on lithium battery storage, get in contact with Cindy Yan. [All]

4.5. Council Updates

A written report was included in the portal and updates were provided on:

- Council remains closed to the public, with all staff working from home
- Online meetings for the foreseeable future, please reach out if you have any issues with Telus Business Connect and we can assist
- Please forward any info you would like shared on our social media
- Appeal decision from November 2020 is posted online

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- New president at BOMA is Lisa Baroldi
- New president at RMA is Paul McLaughlin

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for March 18, 2021 via videoconference at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

WORKING GROUP	WORKING GROUP MEMBERS (<u>Chair</u>)
Code Review	<u>Chris Taylor</u> Gary Mayorchak, Jim Robinson, Marc Royer, Gary Baxter, Hunter Langpap Municipal Affairs: Cindy Yan