



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE FIRST PRESSURE EQUIPMENT SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2025

DATE: January 28, 2025

TIME: 9:02 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

LOCATION: Videoconference

PRESENT: **Sub-Council Members**

Henry Hau, Chair
Nate Bartley
Bert Boulet
Greg Gaudet
Robert James
Nenad Trkulja
Billy Lee, Vice Chair
Justin Macneil
Tony McWhannel
Nyssa Moore, Vice Chair
Jim Rice
Denis Lepage
Elaine Wasylenchuk

Safety Codes Council

Jennifer Johnson

Alberta Municipal Affairs

Danny Stoesz

ABSA

Robin Antoniuk, Mike Prefumo, Djordje Srnic

REGRETS: Diederick Godin, Dean Kovacs

GUESTS: Matt Yarmuch, AWOCS; Joel Pepin, Ryan Chaisson, Brian Lade, Trevor Seiptt

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2025 MEETINGS: January 12, March 16, May 4

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A round table introduction was held and videoconference functionality was reviewed, and members were reminded that their primary duty is to act in the interest of safety in the built environment for the benefit of all Albertans.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

Greg Gaudet/Robert James moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the November 28, 2024 Minutes

Billy Lee/Justin MacNeil moved to adopt the minutes of the November 28, 2024 meeting, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Closed Session

Jim Rice/Bert Boulet moved to enter into closed session; CARRIED

Greg Gaudet/Tony McWhannel moved to exit closed session; CARRIED

2.1.1. Reappointment of Elaine Wasylenchuk to represent the Petrochemical Industry

Nathan Bartley/Greg Gaudet moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Elaine Wasylenchuk to the Pressure Equipment Sub-Council to represent the Petrochemical Industry for a term ending January 31, 2028, effective immediately; CARRIED.

2.2. Potential Addition of NDT Representative to Sub-Council

The following was discussed:

- Members discussed whether an NDT representative should be added to the Pressure Equipment Sub-Council.
- Some members feel there is a lack of knowledge regarding NDT, other members feel this is rarely needed and subject matter experts could be asked for feedback on topics when necessary.
- Moving toward subject matter experts instead of industry representatives as members would change the make up of the sub-council. For example, there are also no subject matter experts for nuclear, welding, etc. on the sub-council currently.
- Some members suggested adding subject matter experts to the working groups instead of the sub-council.

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

None identified

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. Working Group Reports

4.1.1. Power Engineers

The following was discussed:

- The working group had a presentation by Tom Lemming from ABSA regarding provincial statistics on power engineers.

4.1.2. Pressure Welders

The following was discussed:

- A new working group chair is needed, the group will discuss at the next meeting.

4.1.3. PESR Codes & Standards

The following was discussed:

- The working group met again to discuss the adoption of CSA B51.
- Concerns were primarily related to the introduction of impact testing and the potential effects on industry in Alberta.
- Working group members agree with the logic behind this addition but expressed concern about supply chain management issues and impacts on existing projects.
- The group would like to see a delay in implementation to give ABSA time to communicate with stakeholders and ensure a smooth implementation.
- The Administrator explained that input and recommendations from interested parties, such as the PESR and the Codes and Standards Working Group, will be extremely important for the smooth implementation of CSA B51:24.
- The Administrator asked these groups to collaborate with ABSA to provide input and recommendations that can be introduced in an Information Bulletin to address alternative approaches (e.g. objective-based), transition details (e.g., supply chain issues, existing projects) and the transition period for industry.

Greg Gaudet/Robert James move that the Pressure Equipment Sub-Council recommend to the President and CEO that Municipal Affairs delay the adoption of CSA B51:2024 for a period of 6 months; CARRIED.

4.1.4. PESR In-Service Equipment

The following was discussed:

The working group met on January 8th.

They are continuing the AB-500 document review, have completed the AB 525 and will work on AB 506 and AB 512 next.

Nyssa Moore/Bert Boulet moved to recommend that the President and CEO forward the reviewed AB 525 document to ABSA; CARRIED.

Nyssa Moore/Greg Gaudet moved to add Trevor Seipp to the PESR In-Service Equipment working group; CARRIED.

4.1.5. Hydrogen

The following was discussed:

- Working group is meeting every two months, the next meeting is later this week.
- Hydrogen conference will be taking place in Edmonton in May.

4.2. AMA Report

- NFPA 58 and 59 will come into force on April 1, 2025.

4.3. ABSA/Administrator Report

Summary of Unsafe conditions, accidents, and fire reports

No injuries reported in the period Nov. 28, 2024 to Jan. 28, 2025.

Brief descriptions are available <https://www.absa.ca/unsafe-condition-accident-fire-reporting/summary-of-unsafe-condition-accident-fire-reports/>

Information Bulletins

One Information Bulletin has been revised since 2024-11-28.

IB25-001	In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certificate of Competency https://www.absa.ca/media/2541/ib25-001.pdf
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New or Revised AB-500 Documents

No AB-500 documents have been revised since 2024-11-28

	Edition	Revision	Published
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New editions of Codes and Standards that are

- **in the process of adoption, or**
- **scheduled to be published in the near future**

Code	Scheduled to be published	Published	Expected to be declared in force	Comparison document
CSA B51		2024-04-30	2025-05-01	
CSA B52		2023-12-24	2025-01-01	
NFPA 58		2024-01-01	2025-03-01	
NFPA 59		2024-01-01	2025-03-01	
TEMA		2024-02-01	2025-03-01	Provided on 2024-11-27
ASME B31.1		2024-10-15	2025-11-01	
ASME B31.3		2024-12-27	2026-01-01	
ASME B31.5	2025			
ASME B31.9	2023			
ASME BPVC	2025-07-01			

Codes and Standards

ASME

The next ASME BPV Code week will hold virtual meetings from February 4th to 9th, 2025 for all Sections except Sections VIII and IX. Sections VIII and IX will hold their meetings in Chattanooga, TN in the same week.

CSA

CSA B51

The CSA B51 Executive Committee is working on restructuring of the Technical Sub-Committees to follow the new structure of CSA B51. The new Technical Sub-Committees are in the process of forming. The first meetings of new Technical Sub-Committees will be held in the first quarter of 2025.

The CSA B51 Technical Committee formed the Special Working Group to review the impact testing rules in CSA B51. It is expected that this Special Working Group start its work in the first quarter of 2025.

CSA B52

The CSA B52 Technical Committee is working on:

- a code supplement that will return the requirements for class T machine rooms (clause 6.3) in CSA B52:23. The revised proposal is currently on the letter ballot. The ballot will close at the beginning of February, 2025.
- development and publication of CSA B52 Handbook.

CSA B56

Development of the new CSA B56-Power engineering-power plant staffing and rating standard has been progressing well.

The Technical Committee is working on the numerous public review comments.

The first edition is still expected in the middle of 2025.

The new standard will promote uniform rules related to:

- the classification and rating of boilers and refrigeration facilities; and
- supervision requirements for the safe management and operation of these facilities.

CSA Z662

CSA Z662 Technical Committee meeting was held from December 4th to December 6th, 2024. The meeting was held in person in Montreal. Highlights include:

- review of numerous requests for interpretations
- review of proposed code changes for the 2027 edition
- discussion on the proposed changes for requirements for hydrogen pipelines in Clause 17.

The next CSA Z662 Technical Committee (TC) meeting is scheduled from June 11th to 13th, 2025 in Ottawa, ON.

4.4. Council Updates

Dr. Sauer - Award Nominations Open

- The Safety Codes Council is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Dr. Sauer Award.
- Each year this award is presented to a sub-council member who exemplifies the commitment, passion, and energy of Dr. Kenneth Sauer, the first Chair of the Safety Codes Council.

- To qualify for this award a sub-council member must be nominated by their peers. Please consider nominating a fellow sub-council member who you feel shows dedication to improving quality of life in Alberta's communities.
- Click here for more information: [Dr. Sauer Nominations 2025](#)
- The deadline to nominate a fellow sub-council member is March 26, 2025.

Learning Opportunities – Speaker Ideas Requested

- We held our first webinar for Members in November with a presentation on ISO 9001 by Michael Hart which was attended by almost half our members.
- We are in the process of planning more learning opportunities for 2025 and would love to hear from you.
- Please let us know what types of topics you'd be interested in learning more about as well as suggestions for possible speakers, if you have them.
- Email Gerry Letendre at Gerry.letendre@safetycodes.ab.ca or Jennifer Johnson at Jennifer.Johnson@safetycodes.ab.ca

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- Members thanked Billy Lee for his many contributions to the sub-council.

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for April 3, 2025 at the Council office at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

– MOTIONS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

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Pressure Welders	Billy Lee Nyssa Moore, Robert James, Nate Bartley, Henry Hau, Justin MacNeil, Matt Yarmuch, Nenad Trkulja ABSA support: Mike Prefumo, Jason Reinhart AMA support: n/a
PESR Codes and Standards, Design Registration and Shop Inspections	Greg Gaudet (Chair), Diederick Godin (Vice Chair) Henry Hau, Billy Lee, Tony McWhannel, David Miller, Eric Madsen, Jim B. Seale, Neil McKay, Shawn Morrison, Trevor Seipp, Kelly Bell, Chase Hayden, Nyssa Moore, Nenad Trkulja ABSA support: Lou Petrusevski AMA support: n/a
PESR In-Service Inspections, Repairs & Alterations, and PEIM Program	Nyssa Moore (Chair), Diederick Godin (Vice Chair) Greg Gaudet, Henry Hau, Todd Loran, Jacques St-Onge, John Wolff, Nate Bartley, Jim Rice, Dean Kovacs, Bert Boulet, Nick Monea, Nenad Trkulja, Trevor Seipp AMA support: n/a ABSA support: Mike Prefumo, Robin Antoniuk
Hydrogen in Pressure Equipment	Nathan Bartley (Chair), Billy Lee (Vice Chair) Nyssa Moore, Elaine Wasylenchuk, Robert James, Henry Hau, Greg Gaudet, Tony McWhannel, Jarred Henkelman, Ryan Chaisson, Tony Pancerella, Jordan Kiesman, Iulian Radu, Tim Erickson, Eric Dowdle, Justin Macneil, Denis Lepage, Nenad Trkulja ABSA support: Lou Petrusevski, Mike Prefumo, Robin Antoniuk AMA support: n/a