



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH PASSENGER ROPEWAYS SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2019

DATE: September 23, 2019

TIME: 9:50 a.m. to 11:52 a.m.

LOCATION: Safety Codes Council Office

PRESENT:

Sub-Council Members
Kristian Haagaard, Chair
Bruno Mannsberger, Vice Chair
Brent Carmichael
Carl Lam
Jaclyn McCoy
Jason Paterson
Richard Roy
Warren Sparks

Safety Codes Council
Kathryn Derkach

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Dean Bruce, Jon Elliott, Bohdan Yard

REGRETS: Rob Eeglon, Russell Karp, Marlin Van Zandt

RECORDER: Sandi Orr

2020 MEETINGS: Tuesday, January 14, 2020; Wednesday, May 27, 2020;
Monday, September 21, 2020

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

1.1. Adoption of Agenda

Jason Paterson / Richard Roy moved to adopt the agenda, as circulated; CARRIED

1.2. Adoption of May 29, 2019 Minutes

The minutes were included in the portal and reviewed.

Richard Roy / Brent Carmichael moved to adopt the minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Vice Chair Election

This item was held in camera.

The floor was opened for nominations. Bruno Mannsberger was nominated. After three calls and no further nominations, ***Bruno Mannsberger was appointed as the Passenger Ropeways Vice Chair, by acclamation, for a 3-year term.***

2.2. Matrix Review – review existing sub-council matrix to ensure it continues to appropriately represent the passenger ropeways discipline

The review of the matrix was held in camera.

Richard Roy / Bruno Mannsberger moved that the Passenger Ropeways Sub-Council has reviewed their matrix and no changes are recommended at this time; CARRIED

2.2.1. Development of Skills Matrix

It was reported that a project is in progress to determine what skills are needed by each sub-council member to assist nominating organizations to find nominees with the right skills and experience.

A sample of skills will be emailed to all sub-council members. [Council Administration]

Each sub-council member was asked to consider their own position and define a few skills/qualifications that would be essential for their work on the sub-council and forward to the Council. [All]

This led to a discussion regarding whose terms may be expiring. It was clarified that Gerry Letendre contacts any sub-council members when their terms are nearing to expire.

3. Review Matters Arising / Action List

There were no action items to review.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. CSA Z98-19 Review

4.1.1. Rope Testing Requirements

An in-depth discussion was held regarding the new rope testing requirements and the following was noted:

- AEDARSA has communicated to industry and no concerns have been raised, even from small operators
- No concerns have been brought forward to AMA
- Some operators have reported that they've already booked testing
- Concern was raised that some ski areas may not be as informed as they could be
- Medium and larger operators have stated they already have the necessary NDT staff already on site so they have no issues with the new requirements
- One of the biggest challenges is to find the damage when the report comes back that there is an anomaly
- A copy of the change proposal from 2017 was included in the May 2019 meeting folder and the rationale for the change was read
- Other than restructuring of the proposed clauses, there were no negative votes for the new requirement at the national level
- Some concern was raised regarding cost-benefit since no incidents have been reported due to rope failures
- The CWSAA ASM Fall Division meeting will be held on September 24-25, 2019 and this will be added to the agenda

It was reported that this will be in force in March 2020 unless recommendations are brought forward from the sub-council. It was suggested that insufficient communication has been done with small operators and that further discussion could be deferred until the CWSAA's ASM Fall Division Meeting. It was clarified that a discussion is needed sooner rather than later as there is a great deal of work that would need to be done if a delay or phased roll-out is to be considered by the Minister. This would not be considered by the Minister unless there was a business case to justify the delayed enforcement.

It was questioned if industry could be provided with additional time to comply and it was clarified that this could be done by working with AEDARSA to develop an implementation

plan and considerations on a case by case basis.

After further discussion, it was suggested that it be adopted and that individual ski areas could request additional time through AEDARSA.

4.1.2. Inspection for New Conveyors

Although new or relocated installations require temporary inspection controls, it was recognized that this new requirement is not retroactive and would only be applicable to new conveyor installations.

It was questioned regarding non-mandatory appendices and whether any special motion is required to declare them mandatory in Alberta. It was clarified that this is already addressed through Clause 3 of the Regulation: *Despite any note or other text in CSA Standard Z98-07, Passenger Ropeways and Passenger Conveyors, the Standard is varied by declaring Annexes A, C, D, E, F, G, H, J and K and any references to those annexes in the Standard as mandatory.*

Bruno Mannsberger / Jason Paterson moved to recommend to the Minister, through the Board, the automatic adoption of CSA Z98-19; CARRIED

Jason Paterson will bring forward discussion at the CWSAA ASM Fall Division Meeting regarding the new rope testing requirements. [Paterson]

4.2. 2020 Meeting Dates – provide input on suggested dates

The following meeting dates were recommended and will be finalized in October:

- Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – conference call
- Wednesday, May 27, 2020
- Monday, September 21, 2020

4.3. AEDARSA Report

There was nothing to report.

4.4. Administrator/ AMA Report

The Administrator reported the following:

- Notification was sent from AEDARSA to all operators, including small operators, about the impacts of rope testing and no concerns have been received
- AMA is working with AEDARSA to develop testing criteria relative to conveyors and this could impact SCO education and training
- No feedback that would suggest that Annex L should be mandatory
- 153 lifts operating in province

- 3 new devices added
- 21 incidents reported to AEDARSA – none classified as serious
- 2 onsite investigations
- Update provided from the overall elevating devices and amusement rides perspective regarding incidents and investigations

The Director of Standards Development and Support reported on work currently underway:

- Quality Assurance framework
- Having SCO update training available in timelier manner and putting a greater focus on training instead of testing; this doesn't greatly affect the passenger ropeways discipline

4.5. Council Updates

The Council written report was included in the portal:

- The Council is offering Member training:
 - New Member Orientation – September 24
 - Effective Meetings Workshop – November 12
 - Appeals Training – November 13
 - To sign up, please email Gerry.Letendre@safetycodes.ab.ca
- All Members are required to complete online FOIP training by December 31, 2019
- Work continues on the governance review, including proposed changes to streamline working group formation and processes
- Working group chairs will now be asked to provide a short written report in advance of each sub-council meeting
- The Council has created a 'subcouncils@safetycodes.ab.ca' email for all meeting invites; sub-council members were asked to continue to use direct emails for inquiries
- Minor layout updates have been made to the Member Portal and shown on screen
- A member survey was sent to all sub-council members, this is still open and members were asked to fill out the survey and provide their honest feedback
- A quarterly report of all sub-councils' key activities has been created and will be distributed to the Board and each sub-council at the end of each quarter

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

An overview was provided regarding the incident at the Sea to Sky gondola in BC. After investigation, it was found that this was a clear case of vandalism as there was no intent to cause injuries, just damage. There is no evidence on who the perpetrator was. The device was insured and the ski area is rebuilding with all brand new equipment.

This led to a discussion regarding code requirements to secure the base on the tower. It was noted that some areas have their maintenance workers bring the lower ladder with them but this is not always practical. No recommendations were brought forward at this time.

A brief discussion was provided regarding the excellent training offered through AEDARSA and the online training from CSWAA.

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[Sparks / Council Administration]

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, via conference call.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

Jason Paterson / Bruno Mannsberger moved that the meeting be adjourned; CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

--- ACTION ITEMS ---

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