



**MINUTES OF THE
FIRST AMUSEMENT RIDES SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2019**

DATE: February 25, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

LOCATION: Safety Codes Council Office, Edmonton

PRESENT: *Sub-Council Members*
Bill Church, Chair
David Buzzeo
Danielle Gillespie, Vice Chair (via conference call)
Brian Mykitiuk
Lee Nguy (via conference call)
Julian Power (arrived at 9:23 a.m.)
Bob Wyatt (via conference call)

Safety Codes Council
Allison Karch, Kathryn Derkach, Yvonne Wille, Andrea Snow

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Dean Bruce, Katrina Sholdice

AEDARSA
Dean McKernon

RECORDER: Sandi Orr

2019 MEETINGS: October 7

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1.1. Agenda Adoption

Brian Mykitiuk / David Buzzeo moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Brian Mykitiuk / David Buzzeo moved that the minutes of the September 10, 2018 be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1 Reappointment of Brian Mykitiuk to represent the Large Indoor Amusement Parks industry segment for a term ending January 31, 2022, effective immediately

The letter of renomination was included in the portal and reviewed.

Lee Nguy / Bob Wyatt moved to recommend to the Board, the reappointment of Brian Mykitiuk to the Amusement Rides Sub-Council, representing the Large Indoor Amusement Parks industry segment, for a term ending January 31, 2022, effective immediately; CARRIED

2.2. Nomination of Chris Clarke to represent the Portable Ride Operators industry segment for a term ending January 31, 2022, effective immediately

The letter of nomination was included in the portal and reviewed.

Brian Mykitiuk / David Buzzeo moved to recommend to the Board, the appointment of Chris Clarke to the Amusement Rides Sub-Council, representing the Portable Ride Operators 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.	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,	Sep 11/17	All	To be discussed during item 4.1

	Permanent Railway Ride Tracks and Related Devices, Trampoline Courts, Amusement Railway Rides, Devices and Facilities, Parasailing, Stationary Wave Systems.)			
	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	To be discussed during item 4.1
	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	To be discussed during item 4.1

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. ASTM F2783-17 Code Update

The Administrator had asked 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).

The following feedback was provided:

- The representatives from the Large Indoor Amusement Parks and Large Ride Operators industry segments saw no impact, primarily because they already have a high safety inspection regime in place, the vast majority of reported injuries are patron-related rather than equipment-related, and they do not have any trampolines.
- From the insurance industry, statistics were provided on insurance claims and although considered small within the overall insurance perspective, claims from injuries relative to trampoline parks have a tendency to be quite high and have caused premiums to increase significantly. Additionally, some insurers have opted not to provide insurance to trampoline parks and similar attractions.

Additional information and references from a 2018 Insurance Article will be added to the portal. [Buzzeo]

It was questioned if there is an industry association and the Administrator advised that all trampoline park owner/operators who attended a recent industry meeting in Red Deer are members of the International Association of Trampoline Parks.

Municipal Affairs will continue to work with industry and will bring back recommendations to the sub-council. [Bruce]

4.2. AEDARSA Report

Amusement Ride Standard Presentation: PNE – NAARSO 2019 was included in the portal and presented to the sub-council. Highlights of the presentation included:

- An overview was provided of ASTM F2783-14, which is in force in Alberta
- The Amusements Rides Standards Regulation was included in the portal (Alberta Regulation 223/2001, with amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 206/2016)
- The scope which outlines the owner’s responsibility to ensure compliance
- CSA works on a 5-year code cycle, but ASTM could put out a new standard every year so this could cause challenges with automatic code adoption
- An overview was provided of each section of the standard
- Annexes are mandatory, appendices are non-mandatory
- When inspecting amusement rides, AEDARSA is looking at the entire process including maintenance requirements, records and employee qualifications
- The Inspection Mitigation Reports were shown on screen of low, medium and high severity directives
- When directives are issued, it is the owner’s responsibility to inform AEDARSA that the directive is addressed
- Every traveling amusement ride must be inspected annually before operating in Alberta
- ASTM F2783-17 will be in force in Alberta on September 30, 2019 and, if the code is to be adopted with no exemptions, more discussion will be needed to determine how to manage these additional devices that have not been regulated in Alberta in the past including what to inspect and any SCO training that may be required
- Dean McKernon will be providing an industry presentation at Calaway Park on September 11-12, 2019 along with a CSA committee meeting
- Discussions are being held regarding the challenges of ASTM Standards as there is little involvement by Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in standard development and changes are being included in the standards for devices and activities that have never been regulated in Alberta in the past
- In some cases, these new devices/activities are addressed under other jurisdictions (e.g. Alberta Health is responsible for any waterslide or pool type activity)
- ASTM members will be invited to the September industry meeting, sub-council members can attend if they wish

4.3. Administrator/Municipal Affairs Report

The Minister accepted the sub-council’s recommendation to delay the in force date of the ASTM F2783-17 until September 30, 2019. Between now and the in force date, additional research

needs to be completed to determine the industry impacts, including SCO training for trampoline inspections if they are regulated.

The Administrator reported that everyone needs to be prepared for both—adopting the standard as published or with provincial changes to take out some or all new devices added in the 2017 version. An overview was provided on what other jurisdictions are doing and many consider muscle powered devices to be outside the definition of amusement rides. This led to a discussion regarding the need for a definition for an amusement ride. AMA will be looking into this and will bring forward recommendations to the sub-council. [Bruce]

It was further suggested that if trampoline parks or other new devices become regulated in Alberta, there will be a need for the sub-council to review its matrix.

4.3.1. Variances Presentation

A presentation was provided on Variances and a copy was included in the portal. It was explained that the *Safety Codes Amendment Act, 2015* amends the Act to provide the ability to appeal the refusal of a requested variance; this provision is not proclaimed into force. AMA would like all partners to better understand their roles and responsibilities related to variances to be sufficiently prepared if this section is proclaimed.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Purpose of Variances
- Why this is being raised
- What a variance is
- What a variance is not
- The expectation of an SCO when a variance is requested
- Why a variance is issued
- The expectation of Registered Professionals
- Outstanding issues include jurisdiction-wide variances and discipline specific issues
- An overview was provided of the next steps

It was clarified that a variance does not change the code and does not set precedence. Variances must be submitted to the Council and in some disciplines, also submitted to the Administrator. The Council keeps a database of variances. When variances are repeatedly issued for the same code requirement, this could trigger Alberta to propose a change to the code at the national/international level.

4.4. Council Updates

The following report was provided:

- Sub-council members were asked to submit expense claims within 30 days
- An overview was provided regarding upcoming training; all information is listed in the portal calendar

- Members were encouraged to take the appeal training as this is necessary to participate in an appeal hearing
- An overview was provided of the SCO Continuing Education Working Group of which Danielle Gillespie is the sub-council's representative
- Sub-council members were reminded of the Dr. Sauer Award nominations and nomination forms are included on the portal; the deadline for submissions is March 29
- The conference will be held in Banff from May 29 to 31, 2019 and invitations will be sent out to all sub-council members shortly
- Video conferencing capability now available

4.4.1. Code of Conduct and Ethics Revisions and Related Policies

A link was included in the portal to the revised Code of Conduct & Ethics and related policies. All sub-council members were encouraged to review all revisions.

It was questioned regarding annually completing a Conflict of Interest Declaration Form. This will be looked into and further clarification will be provided. [Snow]

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Meeting and Agenda Feedback

There was nothing new to bring forward.

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Council office.

5.2.1. Scheduling a late May or early June meeting

A discussion was held regarding an additional meeting in late May or early June, 2019. It was suggested that this could be called by the Chair if information becomes available from AMA and a meeting is needed before October 2019.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

-- NEW ACTION ITEMS --

4.1. ASTM F2783-17 Code Update

Additional information and references from a 2018 Insurance Article will be added to the portal. [Buzzeo]

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