



**MINUTES OF THE
FIRST AMUSEMENT RIDES SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2022**

DATE: March 28, 2022

TIME: 9:06 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.

LOCATION: videoconference

PRESENT: **Sub-Council Members**
Bill Church, Chair
Mandy Wing Yin Chan
Danielle Gillespie, Vice Chair
Brian Mykitiuk
Lee Nguy

Safety Codes Council
Allison Karch, Kathryn Derkach

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Dean Bruce

REGRETS: David Buzzeo, Bob Wyatt

GUESTS: Al Griffin (AEDARSA)

RECORDER: Kathryn Derkach

2022 MEETINGS: October 17 (tentatively in person)

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. An overview of Zoom was given.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

Brian Mykitiuk /Mandy Wing Yin Chan moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the September 20 Minutes

Brian Mykitiuk /Lee Nguy moved to adopt the minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Closed Session

Brian Mykitiuk / Mandy Wing Yin Chan moved to go into closed session; CARRIED

Brian Mykitiuk / Danielle Gillespie moved to come out of closed session; CARRIED

2.1.1. Reappointment of Bill Church to represent Fairs and Exhibitions

Vice Chair Danielle Gillespie chaired this item.

Brian Mykitiuk / Lee Nguy moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Bill Church to the Amusement Ride Sub-Council to represent Fairs and Exhibitions for a term ending January 31, 2025, effective immediately; CARRIED

2.1.2. Reappointment of Bob Wyatt to represent Small Outdoor Amusement Parks

Mandy Wing Yin Chan / Brian Mykitiuk moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Bob Wyatt to the Amusement Ride Sub-Council to represent Small Outdoor Amusement Parks for a term ending January 31, 2024, effective immediately; CARRIED

2.1.3. Reappointment of Brian Mykitiuk to represent Large Indoor Amusement Parks

Danielle Gillespie / Mandy Wing Yin Chan moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Brian Mykitiuk to the Amusement Ride Sub-Council to represent Large Indoor Amusement Parks for a term ending January 31, 2025, effective immediately; CARRIED

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date Initiated	Responsible	Status/Update
1.	Portable Ride Operators seat	Council staff will reach out to West Coast Amusements to see if they would be willing to be a nominating organization.	Sep 20/21	Council Administration	Spoke to owner, awaiting response.
2.	2022-2023 Meeting Schedule	Staff will ensure the October 2022 ARSC meeting date doesn't conflict with the ASTM committee meeting.	Sep 20/21	Council Administration	ASTM Amusement Rides & Devices committee meets Oct 12-15, 2022; Feb 1-4, 2023; and Oct 18-21, 2023. The October 17 ARSC meeting will not conflict with these meetings.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. Bouncy Castle Fatal Incident in Tasmania and Review of Alberta Regulation of Inflatables

A member asked about the incident in Tasmania to see if there was any further information available. It was noted that AEDARSA has more information included as part of their report.

4.2. AEDARSA Report

Al Griffin provided a written report and the following was highlighted:

- The “Compliance Monitoring Program” for 2021 season
 - 35 Permits of Operation were issued, listing 191 Devices
 - 191 Devices Inspected
 - 906 Directives issued to owners (Details provided in Appendix A of report)
 - 475 Low Severity
 - 237 Medium Severity
 - 194 High Severity
- Twelve (12) Accident/Incidents Reported to AEDARSA in 2021. AEDARSA completed 2 follow-up onsite investigations (details provided in Appendix B of report). No incidents of concern were noted.
- AEDARSA was in attendance for amusement training meetings in February 2022 held at the PNE. In addition, meetings for the F2783 Canadian Task Group and Chief Amusement Ride Inspectors also took place to discuss amusement ride issues.
- It's important to note the ASTM F2783 is a Canadian Standard and its purpose is to ensure that Canadian requirements are met. Therefore, it is important the Amusement Rides Sub-Council members consider joining the F24 ASTM technical committee as direct input can be given in developing amusement ride standards that apply to both Canada and the USA. The Council will reimburse the \$75 cost of membership into ASTM.
- One of the main topics at the meetings was AEDARSAs submission to ASTM F2783 committee was regarding Special Amusement Buildings (aka Fun, Haunted Houses). Currently there are few specific requirements in the ASTM F24 series of standards

affecting Special Amusement Buildings. In addition, there may be some confusion as to whose responsibility is to look after Special Amusement Buildings because the amusement ride discipline only looks after Fun and Haunted houses that have mechanical moving devices and not buildings without moving devices.

- This issue becomes a cross discipline issue with Building and Fire also requiring permits. There are a few STANDATA that clarify which permits are required. Industry awareness of these requirements is important.
- Information Bulletins are now presented in a standardized format. AEDARSA will be developing a new website to capture all the Amusement Ride information and have all the information at one site. AEDARSA will notify Owner/Operators when a new Information Bulletin is posted on the [AEDARSA website](#).
- The following is a list of the information bulletins:
 - [IBAR22-001](#) Requirements for New Amusement Rides to operate in Alberta. This bulletin outlines what is required when there is a change of ownership of a ride previously operated in Alberta or rides that have never operated in Alberta (Details provided in Appendix C of report).
 - [IBAR22-002](#) Requirements for Permit of Operation Amusement Rides. This bulletin set out the requirements for permitting rides that have operated in Alberta before (Details provided in Appendix D of report).
 - [IBAR20-001](#) Inflatable Amusement Rides Devices Information Bulletin. Owners, operators and the general public need to understand how dangerous inflatable devices can be if not properly installed and if wind conditions are not taken into consideration (Details provided in Appendix E of report).
 - The standard for inflatable devices has become more rigorous and detailed over the last several years.
 - One of the biggest issues with inflatables is that anyone can own one and may not be aware of the applicable standards and/or regulations.
 - It was noted that the responsibility lies with the operators to ensure the standard is followed while the inflatable is in use.
 - AEDARSA does a good job of enforcing the requirements, but it can be difficult to monitor this industry segment.
 - While it is difficult to fully eliminate hazards, ASTM is continually working towards ways to make inflatables safer.
 - It was noted that privately owned inflatables are not regulated.
 - AEDARSA does have an internal list of operators who are certified to use inflatables.
 - In the past, the sub-council has discussed with the inflatable industry a matrix change to include a seat for Inflatable Devices, but at the time there was no interest from industry.
- Due to Covid-19 AEDARSA was unable to present the Western Canadian Amusement Ride Training WCART seminar in 2021.
- AEDARSA is hopeful to host a Western Canadian Amusement Ride Training WCART in the future (Dependent on Covid -19 requirements) that is open to all owner/operators and industry stakeholders. There is no cost for this seminar however the participants must pay for their own travel and accommodation.

4.3. Administrator/AMA Report

The Administrator reported:

- Municipal Affairs staff will be back in the office starting in April. There is a hybrid program in place for staff to work from home some days.
- There is a new ADM, Shawn Ewasiuk. He formerly held the position of Executive Director and that position is currently vacant with a replacement being sought.
- The Administrative Penalties Program is in force. This program was created to improve compliance through incentives and various penalties. It has not been used in the amusement rides discipline yet.
- The Chief Amusement Ride Inspectors meeting happened in February:
 - It was brought up that different jurisdictions are seeing issues with travelling show maintenance and an increase in noncompliance in following maintenance programs.
 - There has been an increase in devices that have been shut down across the country due to improper maintenance.
 - There were discussions on aging devices and review of adding requirements for those devices into the code. Some jurisdictions are seeing issues with devices coming in that don't meet the standard. It was not a widespread issue but it may grow as more devices are bought and sold to other shows.
 - There was discussion about Special Amusement Buildings and a motion was put forward to create a task committee that will look into creating a standard that would be included within ASTM F2783 that would give clarity to jurisdictions.
- The upcoming amusement ride season is expected to be busy for AEDARSA as restrictions are lifted and people are eager to get back to these festivals and events.

4.4. Council Updates

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

- It has been discussed in the past to create a seat representing inflatables on the sub-council. At the time, there didn't seem to be any appetite from industry to be involved, but with the increase in activity in the inflatables industry there may be more of an appetite now. The sub-council matrix will be reviewed at the next ARSC meeting and this possible addition can be discussed at that time.
- The Council office reopened on March 14th.
 - Staff may continue to work from home on some days.
 - All meetings that have been identified as tentatively in-person remain so.
 - Staff will contact members prior to the next meeting to ascertain how many people plan to attend in person. If fewer than half of members plan to do so, the meeting will be held virtually instead.
 - There is always the option for members to participate in in-person meetings virtually instead; please let Council staff know if you intend to attend an in-person meeting virtually.
- Council AGM will be held virtually in the spring.
 - There will not be a spring Council Conference in Banff.

- An in-person volunteer appreciation event is being planned for the fall.
- The Council is looking for members' input on what safety system data would be beneficial to collect and analyze.
 - Please feel free to provide your thoughts by email to allison.karch@safetycodes.ab.ca
- Council Member Training
 - New Member Orientation: April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 - Contact gerry.letendre@safetycodes.ab.ca to register.
 - These will be offered in the fall as well.
 - Appeals Training: November 15 & 16, 2022.
 - [Appeals Overview video](#)
- Watch past webinars on the [Council website](#).

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

No items were brought forward.

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for October 17, 2022, tentatively at the Council office at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

Brian Mykitiuk / Mandy Wing Yin Chan moved to adjourn the meeting; CARRIED.

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