



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH BARRIER FREE SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2020

DATE: November 18, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

LOCATION: Videoconference

PRESENT: *Sub-Council Members*
Karen Muir, Chair
Tracy Douglas-Blowers
Matthew Kay
Bev Knudtson
Robert Lipka
Bob Macklon
Tanya Marsh (Vice Chair)
Ron Wickman
Georg Rath
Donna Monkhouse

Safety Codes Council
Kathryn Derkach, Jennifer Johnson

Alberta Municipal Affairs
n/a

REGRETS: Brian Huxley
Lee Ramsdell
Deliany Sather
Chris Schamber

GUESTS: n/a

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2021 MEETINGS: February 17, June 16, October 13, December 1

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. It was explained that some members of the sub-council have come forward with comments about the work being accomplished and the approach being taken. Council staff along with the Chair are working together to address concerns and identify the best path forward. Therefore, this meeting has a reduced agenda to deal only with matters that require immediate decisions.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 2.1.3 Reappointment of Bev Knudtson

Bev Knudtson/Georg Rath moved that the agenda be adopted, as amended; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the September 23, 2020 Minutes

Georg Rath/Bob Macklon moved to adopt the minutes of the September 23 meeting, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Closed Session

Bob Macklon/Robert Lipka moved to go into closed session; CARRIED.

Bev Knudtson/Robert Lipka moved to come out of closed session; CARRIED.

2.1.1. Reappointment of Chris Schamber to represent Mobility Disabilities

Bev Knudtson/Ron Wickman moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Chris Schamber to the Barrier Free Sub-Council to represent Mobility Disabilities for a term ending January 31, 2024, effective February 1, 2021; CARRIED.

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2.2. Skills Matrix Review

The skills matrix was reviewed and final edits were made, including the removal of the Hotel and Tourism Industry sector.

Bob Macklon/Bev Knudtson moved to accept the Skills Matrix for the Barrier Free Sub-Council as complete; CARRIED.

2.2. Matrix Change

Members discussed the request from the Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association to resign from their seat on the Barrier Free Sub-Council. Due to challenges experienced by the hotel industry as a result of the pandemic, there is a need to revisit allocation of resources and they feel many priorities of the sub-council fall out of their scope of their knowledge or influence. The AHLA is very interested in continued engagement on matters that relate directly to their industry and would be happy to continue to work together and provide input as needed.

Matthew Kay/Georg Rath recommend to the Board the Hotel and Tourism Industry industry segment be removed from the Barrier Free Sub-Council matrix; CARRIED.

Tracy Douglas Blowers was thanked for her years of service to the sub-council.

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

Deferred to next meeting

4. Matters for Discussion

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5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- Improved airflow in buildings was discussed in light of the current pandemic, will forward concerns to BSC
- Some disappointment by the withdrawal of the seat by the AHLA but understand their situation is difficult right now and the sub-council was reminded that they are still happy to engage when we need their input

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for February 17, 2021 via teleconference at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

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– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

– MOTIONS –

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