



**MINUTES OF THE
THIRD ELECTRICAL UTILITIES SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2025**

DATE: September 25, 2025

TIME: 9:04 a.m. to 11:58 a.m.

LOCATION: Videoconference

PRESENT: **Sub-Council Members**
Brian Townsend, Chair
Michael Chledowski
Joel Kwasny
Tony Walker
Jason Drenth
Dustin Butterfield
John Suh
Jeff Sandford
Curtis Andrusiak
Dwight Cooper, Vice Chair
Todd Grayson
Scott Pederson
Stacey Rector
Alex Stuber

Safety Codes Council
Jennifer Johnson

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Kevin Glubrecht, Gregg Marshall

REGRETS: Cam Wyatt

GUESTS: n/a

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2026 MEETINGS: January 27, June 3

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 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

The following items were added to the agenda:

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2.2. Matrix Review

Dwight Cooper/Curtis Andrusiak moved to recommend to the Board that the Electrical Utilities Sub-Council Matrix be accepted without changes; CARRIED.

2.3. Chair Election

The Vice Chair made a call for nominations. Dwight Cooper put his name forward as Chair of the Electrical Utilities Sub-Council. Two additional calls for nominations were made and no other nominations were received. **Dwight Cooper was approved as Chair of the Electrical Utilities Sub-Council by acclamation.**

2.4. Vice Chair Elections

The Chair made a call for nominations. Dustin Butterfield and Alex Stuber put their names forward as Vice Chair of the Electrical Utilities Sub-Council. Two additional calls for nominations were made and no other nominations were received. **Dustin Butterfield and Alex Stuber were approved as Vice Chair of the Electrical Utilities Sub-Council by acclamation.**

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date Initiated	Responsible	Status/Update
1	Proposal re: Alignment Between CSA C22.3 Table 7 and AEUC Table 9	<p>Sub-council members advised they would like to take some time to investigate possible reasons for the deviation and to determine if alignment is feasible.</p> <p>It was reported that the distance for limits of approach in the AEUC table was derived from the Electrical Protection Act (EPA). Discussion was held and consensus was reached that there was no appetite to investigate reducing the distance in the AEUC because of the safety risk.</p>	June 15/23	Townsend/ Council Administration	Will be covered in the next code
	Errata to the AEUC	<p>Errata to the AEUC is expected to be issued.</p> <p>In addition to previously identified omissions, there may be an additional error regarding an Appendix B note that is referenced in the code, but the note does not exist.</p> <p>Council staff will correspond with the Chair and Electrical Administrator to ensure all omissions are captured.</p>	October 12, 2023	Council Administration /Townsend	Ongoing.

	21-ECB-000 Requested Update re: Generators	The Administrator and Chair will investigate why the previous variance was rescinded. The Section 0 and 2 Working Group will look into this further	February 1, 2024	Townsend/ Glubrecht/ Chledowski	Will be covered in the next update.
	Municipal Affairs path forward for AEUC	The Chair will provide Municipal Affairs with documents outlining the differences between the AEUC and other available standards.	May 22, 2025	Townsend	Ongoing.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. CSA C22.3 #1

The following was discussed:

- There is discussion at CSA to review the use of the words limited or controlled access highways as there is no standardized language across the provinces on what would qualify.
- One member mentioned a similar discussion has taken place at his organization recently.

4.2. CEC Part 1 Section 84 Standata

The Administrator shared the draft Standata and the following was discussed:

- The draft Standata aims to clarify some wording as there are many AHJs not enforcing these rules correctly.
- The Administrator requested feedback from members on whether a disconnect located outside by the meter base would be used by utilities.
- Many members indicated the utility would not use it, they would pull the meter instead.
- Most other provinces do require it, but if utilities would not use it there is no added safety benefit, only additional expense.
- It was noted that this could be useful for first responders.
- The Administrator has submitted a code change request to CSA, will wait to see the results in June before determining next steps.

4.3. Implications and Risks of AEUC not Aligning with CSA #1 and #7

Work on the AEUC has been paused while Municipal Affairs determines next steps. In the meantime, new editions of CSA #1 and #7 have been published. The following was discussed:

- While it is ideal for AEUC to be aligned with CSA standards, most organizations will determine for themselves what to follow based on best practices.
- It was noted that AEUC has skipped one or possibly two versions in the past.
- Altalink is using the code in force, as this is what was done historically. They will address issues through a standards change when necessary, if requested by the AHJ.
- Others confirmed they will also follow the legacy code but will look to the new editions for best practices.

4.4. AUC Enforcement of Altalink

The following was discussed:

- The Alberta Utilities Commission has an arm dedicated to enforcement, to ensure facilities are built in a safe manner.
- Altalink was approached last year regarding the design and maintenance of some facilities. The case is currently before the regulator.
- They are alleging that insulators used by Altalink do not meet requirements as they are not CSA tested, however the AEUC states that ANSI is acceptable.
- Altalink believes the AUC is overstepping into the Safety Codes Act, which is not under their purview.
- There could be implications for other providers as it could mean that when doing any maintenance, it must meet the new code. This would affect the cost of maintaining the power system.
- Public hearing will be held in mid-November.

4.5. AUC Decision for EPC Central Calgary Transmission Line Relocation Project (CCTLRP) Line Clearance Working Space

The following was discussed:

- AUC recently ruled that ENMAX did not put enough effort into the consultation regarding the clearance between the line and existing buildings, specifically regarding fire response.
- The AEUC is about constructing safely, the working space between those to facilities is covered under OHS.
- The decision was to deny the application based on a code related concern around clearances.

4.6. Alberta Electrical Utility Safety Association

The following was discussed:

- Jeff Sandford is the Chair for the AEUSA and expressed interest in collaborating with the sub-council.
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[Staff]

4.7. Working Group Reports

4.7.1. Sections 0 and 2

Members discussed Table 1 of the AEUC and whether it should be applied to approach distances.

4.7.2. Section 6

No update.

4.7.3. Section 8

No update.

4.7.4. Section 10

No update.

4.7.5. Section 12

No update.

4.8. ESC Liaison Reports

The following was discussed:

- The Administrator raised the issue of bonding tek cable in a rural setting.
- There was discussion around an appeal regarding solar disconnects, a good reminder for SCOs and contractors to work together.

4.9. Administrator/AMA Report

Publication of the AEUC TBD

- C22.3 No. 7 and C22.3 No.1 were published earlier 2025
- AEUC next steps anticipated in 2026

STANDATA updates; 2024 CE Code Part 1

- Incident reporting STADNATA – updated to new templates. Anticipated end of October. [STANDATA bulletin : electrical : legislation \[regulations\] - Open Government](#)
- USEB Variance anticipated end of October
- USEB cable with a bare neutral
- Submission made to CSA

Upcoming meetings of interest

- 3rd of 4th meeting for 2024 CE Code Part 1 November 18th & 19th

4.10. Council Updates

Safety Codes Council Summit 2025

This year we're holding our Member Appreciation Event at the Summit, we hope you will join us! As valued members, your registration unlocks:

- Full access to all Summit sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities, including:
 - A reception exclusively for members— a special Summit kick-off designed just for you.
 - A Celebration of Safety and Service (dinner, entertainment, and recognition) on October 15, featuring presentation of the Dr. Sauer Award, retiree recognition, and heartfelt appreciation for your dedication.
- Accommodation for the evening of October 15, the date of the member appreciation and retiree celebration event.
- Have travel covered. (Submit your receipts as per normal processes.)

Updated Sub-Council Information Package

We are pleased to share that the **Sub-Council Information Manual** has been fully updated and is now available in the Member Portal.

This revised package includes:

- Updated links to Council resources and forms

- Revised hotel accommodation details
- A comprehensive overview of member roles, meeting logistics, and parliamentary procedures
- Expense claim instructions and portal access guidance

Access the package: <https://memberportal.safetycodes.ab.ca/> login

If you have any questions please reach out to Gerry.letendre@safetycodes.ab.ca

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- Members expressed the usefulness of having the AEUC
- The Administrator shared that there have been quite a few incidents this year and reminded members to ensure their organizations are aware of requirements and submitting the incident reports.
- The sub-council thanked the Chair, Brian Townsend, for his work compiling the six-column document to assist Municipal Affairs.

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for January 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

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AEUC Sections 0 and 2	<u>Michael Chledowski (Chair)</u> Brian Townsend, Joel Kwasny, Cam Wyatt, Stacey Rector
AEUC Section 6	<u>Curtis Andrusiak (Chair)</u> John Suh
AEUC Section 8	<u>Dwight Cooper</u> Todd Grayson, Jason Drenth
AEUC Section 10	<u>Brian Townsend (Chair)</u> Lisa Liusz, Dwight Cooper, Joel Kwasny, Dustin Butterfield, Stacey Rector, Curtis Andrusiak
AEUC Section 12	<u>Brian Townsend</u> Dwight Cooper, Curtis Andrusiak