



# Safety Codes Council

## MINUTES OF THE THIRD ELEVATORS SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2020

- DATE:** December 16, 2020
- TIME:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Safety Codes Council Office, Edmonton
- PRESENT:** *Sub-Council Members*  
JC Bawa, Chair  
Sarah Burghardt  
Jeff Case  
Andrew Cross  
Don Ireland, Vice Chair  
Richard Meunier  
Jeff Mitchell  
Ernie Paustain  
Daniel Theriault
- Safety Codes Council*  
Kathryn Derkach, Jennifer Johnson
- Alberta Municipal Affairs*  
Dean Bruce, Bohdan Yard, Erin Black
- REGRETS:** Salim Merchant  
Stephen Weston
- GUESTS:** Dean McKernon (AEDARSA), Al Griffin (AEDARSA)
- RECORDER:** Jennifer Johnson
- 2021 MEETINGS:** February 24, October 6

## 1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### 1.1 Agenda Adoption

**Andrew Cross/Richard Meunier moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED**

### 1.2 Adoption of the September 30 Minutes

**Ernie Paustian/Sarah Burghardt moved to adopt the minutes of the September 30, 2020 meeting, as circulated; CARRIED**

## 2. Matters for Decision

None identified.

## 3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date Initiated	Responsible	Status/Update
1.	Draft STANDTA regarding building permits	The Administrator will work with the Building Administrator to improve the wording and ensure it is clear enough to help an SCO decide if a building permit is required.	Feb 19 2020	Bruce	This STANDATA should be issued soon.
2.	Elevator and Escalator Safety Week	There is an elevator and escalator safety awareness week in the fall, perhaps there is a way to use this to enhance communication. Members will take this back to their nominating organizations to see if there is support for a public information campaign.	Feb 19 2020	Sub-Council Members	Members did not receive much response back from nominating organizations regarding interest.  AEDARSA is quite involved in this Safety Week. They have also presented to BOMA and will share link to videos with Council staff so they can be included in the portal. They have also discussed opportunities for educational presentations with Kris Schmaltz at the Council.

					The Chair suggested a discussion of a potential working group as an agenda item for the next meeting.
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#### 4. Matters for Discussion

##### 4.1. Working Group Reports

##### 4.1.1. Using Stopped Escalators as Stairs

The following was discussed:

- The working group met an additional time after receiving feedback from BOMA that they would appreciate more detailed direction on how to proceed
- An amendment was made to create an additional recommendation that building owners consider working with manufacturers and designers to address their concerns
- The Administrator noted that the recommendations are not very specific and members explained that they were unable to support the action that was requested and felt these recommendations would assist others to understand the issue better

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**Sarah Burghardt/Richard Meunier moved to recommend that building owners consider liaising with industry designers and escalator service professionals to determine the feasibility of an alternative solution that reasonably mitigates all safety issues associated with use during shut down; CARRIED.**

**Ernie Paustian/Jeff Mitchell moved to accept the final report of the Using Stopped Escalators as Stairs Working Group and consider the work complete; CARRIED.**

##### 4.1.2. CSA B355 Code Review

The following was discussed:

- The working group mainly focused on changes from the 2015 to 2019 version as 2015 was accepted but never made it to legislation
- New version consists primarily of providing more clarity and cleaning up the code
- Provides more information on what is an alteration vs a repair/maintenance

- Will include a requirement for a communication device on all barrier free lifts and platform lifts
- The working group recommend that the informative Annex D be made mandatory to provide more clarity.

**Sarah Burghardt/Ernie Paustian moved to recommend that Municipal Affairs adopt CSA B355 without any changes; CARRIED.**

**Ernie Paustian/Don Ireland moved to recommend that Municipal Affairs adopt Annex D as mandatory; CARRIED.**

#### **4.1.3. ASME A17.1/CSA B44 Code Review**

The following was discussed:

- Currently enforcing 2013 code
- When 2016 was published the working group reviewed the changes and removed all Alberta specific regulations, these are now included in the supplement which was reviewed in the meeting.
- There is a push to move towards timely code adoption to reduce bureaucracy and simplify the process
- Does dismantling brakes yearly have an impact on brake failures? Alberta has decided to err on the side of caution
- Will the new regulation mean brakes that are not field serviceable do not need to meet these requirements? Must follow manufacturer recommendations
- Changes to certification were discussed at length, it was noted that elevator mechanics in Alberta are qualified to carry out testing
- Item 2-013 regarding Periodic Inspections and Tests by Service Providers for Existing Devices was discussed. This item eliminates the needs for an inspector to witness periodic testing, who are required to be QEI-1 certified, and allows "Elevator Personal" to complete and sign off on these tests. QEI certification requires annual continual education requirements but are not required for Elevator Personal because in Alberta they must be certified as an elevator constructor under Alberta Industry and Training Regulation.
- Recommendation was discussed to investigate implementing annual code training requirements to ensure elevator constructors are properly educated on new requirements listed in new code publications and should be discussed further with AIT and Municipal Affairs.

**Sarah Burghardt/Andrew Cross moved to recommend that Municipal Affairs adopt the Alberta Elevating Device Safety Codes Supplement draft 2019, with comments; CARRIED.**

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#### **4.2. Administrator/AMA Report**

The Administrator reported:

- Employees continue to work from home
- The focus for elevating devices is on adopting the new standard and moving towards automatic adoption

#### **4.3. AEDARSA Report**

It was reported:

- They have started to receive declarations of completion for category 1 brakes from some elevator companies, deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Seminar will be held in Calgary in September 2021, attendance is free. Please forward any ideas for topics you'd like to see covered. [All]
- Will provide members with copy of the presentation that was made to BOMA [McKernon/Griffin]

#### **4.4. Council Updates**

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

- Council staff continue to work from home
- New website has been launched
- Meeting dates for 2021 are in the portal

### **5. Meeting Finalization**

#### **5.1. Round Table**

- Thank you to everyone who worked on the code review working groups, having so much experience at the table was very valuable.
- Next steps for code review: these recommendations will go to the board of directors and will be forwarded to the Minister, the policy department will prepare a package for cabinet.
- Not exactly sure when the new regulations will be in force, aiming for May 2021
- New devices will be inspected to whichever code was in force at the time the contract was signed

#### **5.2. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was reconfirmed for February 24, 2021 via teleconference at 9:30 a.m.

#### **5.3. Meeting Adjournment**

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– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

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**– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –**

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CSA B355 Code Review	Richard Meunier, Ernie Paustian, JC Bawa, and Lonny Vanderheide
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