



**MINUTES OF THE
SECOND ELEVATORS SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2021**

DATE: September 1, 2021

TIME: 9:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: videoconference

PRESENT: *Sub-Council Members*

JC Bawa, Chair
Sarah Burghardt
Jeff Case
Andrew Cross
Don Ireland, Vice Chair
Jeff Mitchell
Ernie Paustain
Stephen Weston
Rob Pelletire

Safety Codes Council

Allison Karch, Susan Rossmann, Andrea Snow, Kathryn Derkach

Alberta Municipal Affairs

Dean Bruce, Bohdan Yard, Shaw Ewasiuk, Jon Elliott

REGRETS: Richard Meunier

GUESTS: Dean McKernon, Al Griffin (AEDARSA)

RECORDER: Kathryn Derkach

2021 MEETINGS: October 6

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

Stephen Weston/Andrew Cross moved that the agenda be adopted as circulated; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the February 24 Minutes

Sarah Burghardt/Andrew Cross moved to adopt the minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Timely Code Adoption presentation and Potential Regulation Changes discussion

Municipal Affairs gave a presentation on a proposal to implement timely code adoption for elevating devices, including adopting the latest editions of codes and standards, removing certain code interpretations from regulation, and extending the expiry date on expiring regulations. Highlights include:

- Timely code adoption allows codes to be automatically adopted in regulation, coming into force 12 months after publication. Codes or amendments are declared in force, as amended or replaced from time to time.
- Elevating devices is the final discipline to bring forward regulatory changes to implement timely code adoption.
- Goals of the amendments are to maintain the current level of safety and enforcement, use government policy to manage compliance, and simplify regulations.
- Four regulations require amendments:
 - The Elevating Devices Code Regulation
 - The Elevating Devices, Passenger Ropeways and Amusement Rides (EDPRAR) Permit Regulation
 - The Elevating Devices, Passenger Ropeways and Amusement Rides (EDPRAR) Administration Regulation
 - The Exemption Regulation
- Minor changes to the EDPRAR Permit Regulation and EDPRAR Administration Regulation will help to facilitate timely code adoption. These regulations are set to expire early 2022, but a five year extension is being proposed. The Exemption Regulation changes include three exemptions that are in the Elevating Devices Codes Regulation that would be moved.
- Most amendments are to the Elevating Devices Code Regulation.
- Variations currently identified in the Elevating Devices Codes Regulation can be categorized as follows:
 - Change requirement: changes or replaces a provision of the code in force
 - Interpretation: provides a clarification of a provision where the code is vague or indicates the authority have jurisdiction will determine specific requirements
 - Exemption: not intended to be regulated by Alberta's safety codes system
- Changed requirements will be preserved in the regulation or through a province-wide variance.

- The bulk of the proposed changes fall under interpretations and can be addressed through STANDATA.
- The intention is to change to the location of the information and not the technical safety requirements.
- The Safety Codes Act provides a number of tools for compliance and enforcement.
- Proposed amendments to the Elevating Devices Code Regulation will come into force December 1, 2022. This gives stakeholders time to the review amendments and prepare for implementation.
- The Administrator will provide updates via STANDATA at 12, 6 and 1 month intervals prior to code adoption.
- Municipal Affairs is asking the Council to review the draft amendments as presented.

The following was discussed:

- Municipal Affairs and the sub-council will have a year to create and review all the STANDATA related to these changes.
- Concern was expressed on the ease of use. One document containing all variations is considered more user friendly. Municipal Affairs is reviewing different options to address ease of access to the information.
- Concern was raised about the link between a code rule and the variation or clarification in another document. It was noted that this hasn't presented an issue in other disciplines but can be addressed through education and communication as needed.
- It was noted that if any changes that the sub-council had put forward during the 2019 code review were left of out the current three column document, they can be made as recommendations for STANDATA during the review process over the next year.
- In most cases, the AHJ would be considered Municipal Affairs, however, there are some situations where AEDARSA would be the AHJ.

Sarah Burghardt/Stephen Weston moved to recommend to the Board of Directors timely code adoption in the elevating devices industry; CARRIED

Sarah Burghardt/Stephen Weston moved to support the recommendations of Municipal Affairs to move Alberta specific regulations to alternate documents that are yet to be determined; CARRIED

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

None identified

4. Matters for Discussion

None identified

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- *None identified*

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for October 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

Stephen Weston/Andrew Cross moved to adjourn; CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

– MOTIONS –

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