



**MINUTES OF THE  
SECOND FIRE SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2017**

**DATE:** March 15, 2017

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Radisson Hotel, Edmonton

**PRESENT:** **Sub-Council Members**  
Michael Walker, Chair  
Michael Baker  
Michael Bos  
Joseph Davis  
Robbin Foxcroft, Vice Chair  
Gary Mayorchak

**Safety Codes Council**  
Allison Karch

**Alberta Municipal Affairs**  
Kevan Jess, Chief Building Administrator  
Tina Parker, Technical Advisor  
Kristopher Schmaltz  
James Orr  
Don Rosland, OFC

**Guests**  
Bruce Schultz, BSC Liaison

**REGRETS:** Bruce Cummins  
Bob Boudreau  
Eddy La Rocque  
Bob Husereau  
Mario Poser  
Allan Blatz

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Sandi Orr

**2017 MEETINGS:** March 16, May 11, September 14, November 23

## **1. Meeting Opening**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:04 p.m.

## **2. Matters for Discussion**

### **2.1. NFC/AFC Harmonization and Code Change Requests**

Kristopher Schmaltz was introduced as the facilitator and an on-screen presentation was shown. The process was explained where AMA has highlighted the differences between the 2014 Alberta Fire Code (AFC) and the 2015 National Fire Code (NFC) and identified options to consider. Options include:

- Harmonize the AFC with the NFC
- Delete Alberta Fire Code requirement
- Develop a Code Change Request for the NFC
- Develop Alberta Solution
- Unresolved / Defer to Sub-committee

Where there were clearly only editorial changes required, these have been harmonized with the national code. Upon completion of the work laid out in the presentation, a second step may be needed to review code appendix notes. Members were reminded that the goal of harmonization is to facilitate expedited automatic code adoption. A great deal of justification will be needed to keep Alberta-specific requirements.

Participants were reminded that SCOs always have the ability to address an issue if there is imminent danger or an unsafe condition, regardless of specific code requirements. There is a need to change the mindset of being reluctant to write an order based on imminent danger. It was suggested that there is a potential future need to define criteria for keep an Alberta-specific requirement.

The list of issues was viewed on screen, each of the differences were reviewed and decisions were made. These decisions are included in the attached:

- Part 2 - NFC15 - AFC14 Change Summary FSC March 2017 - decisions
- Part 3 - NFC15 - AFC14 Change Summary FSC March 2017 - decisions
- Part 4 - NFC15 - AFC14 Change Summary FSC March 2017 - decisions

The final item reviewed at this meeting was 4.3.7.4 Clearances, which is on page 7 in Part 4 - NFC15 - AFC14 Change Summary FSC March 2017 – decisions, and is listed as item #40 in the PowerPoint presentation shown at the meeting.

## **5. Meeting Finalization**

### **5.1. Meeting Feedback**

It was agreed that today's meeting was successful and that a decision is needed at tomorrow's meeting to determine next steps.

### **5.2. 2017 Meetings**

The next meeting is March 16, 2017.

### **5.3. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.