



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE THIRD FIRE SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2020

DATE: September 10, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
LOCATION: Safety Codes Council Office, Edmonton

PRESENT: *Sub-Council Members*
Michael Bos, Chair
Cameron Bardas
Joseph Davis
Richard Friesen
Robbin Foxcroft, Vice Chair
Mark Heiderich
Cammie Laird
Hunter Langpap
Gary Mayorchak, Vice Chair
John Penzo
Stephen Suen
Jim Robinson
Marc Royer
Chris Taylor

Safety Codes Council
Kathryn Derkach, Jennifer Johnson, Leo Sanni
Tyler Wightman, Kris Schmaltz, Don Rush (item 4.2 and 4.4)

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Tina Parker, Cindy Yan

REGRETS: Allan Blatz

GUESTS: Corey Klimchuk, BSC Liaison

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2020 MEETINGS: November 19

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A round table introduction was held.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.1 Sprinkler Trade Off Working Group report by Cammie Laird
- 4.2 Storage Tanks Update to be presented by Kris Schmaltz and Don Rush

Gary Mayorchak/ Jim Robinson moved that the agenda be adopted, as amended; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the May 13, 2020 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.

Robbin Foxcroft/Chris Taylor moved to adopt the minutes of the May 13, 2020 meeting, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Closed Session

Joe Davis/John Penzo moved to go into closed session; CARRIED.

Robbin Foxcroft/Gary Mayorchak moved to come out of closed session; CARRIED.

2.1.1. Reappointment of Cammie Laird to represent Municipal Districts and Counties

Cameron Bardas/Chris Taylor moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Cammie Laird to the Fire Sub-Council to represent Municipal Districts and Counties for a term ending January 31, 2024, effective February 1, 2021; CARRIED

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Robbin Foxcroft/Gary Mayorchuk moved recommend to the Board reappointment of James Robinson to the Fire Sub-Council to represent Major Municipalities - South for a term ending January 31, 2024, effective February 1, 2021; CARRIED.

2.2. Matrix Review

The sub-council matrix was reviewed to ensure it continues to appropriately represent the fire discipline.

Richard Friesen/Jim Robinson moved to accept the Fire sub-council matrix as it currently is; CARRIED.

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date Initiated	Responsible	Status/Update
1.	Qualified Persons Registry (E.2.06.11)	Communicate status of registry	Nov 23/16	Orr	Ongoing
2.	CSA B52 Clarification	There is uncertainty about which discipline is responsible for enforcement of maintenance provisions in CSA B52 and it was requested that this be brought to the inter-department working group.	May 14/19	Orr	The BSC Administrator and James Orr are following up with ABSA. Can be removed.
3.	Exiting to a Public Thoroughfare	The Building Liaison will bring this item to the Building Sub-Council at their next meeting and request that a response be provided from the BSC Chair.	Nov 14/19	Taylor/Gratton	Last BSC meeting went long and this item was deferred. They are meeting again next week.
4.	Fire Variances	Members reported that it would be helpful to compile variances from Jan 1, 2020 and spanning the next few years. Info regarding reasons as well as expiries would also be helpful.	May 13/20	Administrator	Ongoing. Likely no update until the new year.
5.	Breweries/ Distilleries	There is a code change request in front of NRC, it was requested that the information the working group be provided to NRC for review	May 13/20	Heiderich	Mark reached out to the committee but they did not have any info. Can be removed, Mark will follow up and bring back when more information is available.
6.	Fire Inspection Reports	Follow up from an older request, members to review the documents and if acceptable the Administrator requests Council to post on their website and supply as part of training	May 13/20	Blatz/Laird	No update available.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. Sprinkler Trade-Off Working Group Report

This item was deferred as Cammie Laird had to attend another meeting at the same time.

4.2. Storage Tank Systems Update

Kris Schmaltz and Don Rush provided the following update:

- Safety Codes Council assumed the duties of PTMAA under ASCA in June 2020
- The Council is not delivering contractor training but ensuring individuals have certification by verifying their credentials
- Training is provided by the Canadian Petroleum Contractors Association which delivers the Petroleum Mechanic certification program
- List of approved contractors is available on the SCC website or CPCA website
- Responsibilities include project installations, alterations, inspection testing and maintenance programs
- Inventory control in accredited areas is a very dynamic and ongoing project
- Moving forward they are looking for stakeholder engagement regarding system improvements, please get in touch with Don Rush at the Safety Codes Council if you are interested in participating.

4.3. AGM Update

The following was discussed and a presentation is available in the portal

- Safety Codes Council AGM was postponed this year due to Covid-19 and plans are being made to host it virtually towards the end of October
- Need to hold the AGM to approve the bylaw changes that were recommended as a result of last year's governance review
- A refresher of the recommendations was provided: dissolve the TCC, creation of two new sub-councils for Utilities and Private Sewage Disposal Systems

4.4. Council Education Presentation

A presentation by Kris Schmaltz and Tyler Wightman was included in the portal and the following was discussed:

- The Council is reviewing its approach to education and training in the system and has developed outcomes and principles to guide programming
- Looking for stakeholder feedback on the proposed future direction of building capacity system-wide through shared understanding and knowledge, and any gaps anyone sees regarding education in the system.
- Targeting a broader system-wide audience could improve shared consistency in understanding of roles, responsibilities, and general knowledge in the safety system
- Recognize that more consistency is desired, one goal of increasing the reach is increased consistency as more people taking the same training will mean more consistency
- It was noted that a greater practical component is necessary, particularly in regards to fire investigators
- Increased awareness among elected officials of what Safety Codes Officers do and why processes are in place

- Bridging the gap between different stakeholders in the industry (ie. Designers, SCOs, etc)
- There is a potential to increase education around enforcement strategies and techniques
- More continuing education required for fire investigation and fire inspection

4.5. Costco Fuel Bars

A presentation by Marc Royer was included in the portal and the following was discussed:

- Costco Lethbridge has many fire safety mechanisms and processes in place at their fuel bars that go above and beyond current requirements
- One item they use is a 1L fire extinguisher built into the turbine wells however, these are not ULC certified (they are FM approved) and therefore they failed an inspection in June of this year
- Costco was given until September 30, 2021 to do one of the following: remove the non-compliant extinguishers, change to the ULC system, apply to the province for a variance
- The Administrator noted that a province wide variance would not likely be issued for an uncertified product unless equivalency to the ULC standard could be demonstrated

4.6. Working Group Reports

4.6.1. Code Review

The following was discussed:

- Group provided comments on the information provided by the Technical Advisor over the summer
- Consensus was reached on approximately 90% of the items, work continues on the remaining 10%
- Group is compiling the reasoning for any Alberta specific requests that the group wishes to keep as well as information on where it should be kept (ie. Div C or Bylaws)
- It was noted that the Technical Advisor should be present at all working group meetings

4.6.2. Occupant Load

Gary Mayorchak/Cameron Bardas moved to recommend to conclude the work of the Occupant Load Working Group; CARRIED.

4.6.3. Breweries and Distilleries

Hunter Langpap/Robbin Foxcroft moved to recommend to conclude the work of the Breweries and Distilleries Working Group; CARRIED.

4.7. BSC Liaison Report

The BSC Liaison reported:

- Occupancy Classification Supportive Living STANDATA was discussed, with a focus on how with treatment and without treatment would be handled differently
- Structural Design of Residential Buildings STANDATA was discussed, with a focus on structural loads and design software
- Using Stopped Escalators as Stairs Working Group reported that they could not find any evidence to support a recommendation for using them in this way

4.8. Administrator/AMA Report

The Administrator reported:

- The Qualifications STANDATA is delayed, will hopefully be issued in October. Administrator will send another draft to the sub-council for review
- Have received requests from ULC requesting approval and endorsement for their course materials for S561, will have more info at next meeting
- Oil and gas sector is requesting changes to the fire code, specifically regarding reporting of spills and leaks and requesting a variance for fire extinguishers in remote locations. John to connect with the Administrator to discuss further

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4.9. COVID Related Items

The following was discussed:

- Questions regarding fire drills
- Proper storage of large volumes of hand sanitizer
- City of Edmonton has issued many bulletins regarding Covid-19, they are available on the City website
- Stores experiencing changes to traffic flow and exiting, wanting to keep doors closed
- Handling issues on a case by case basis to ensure that the proper controls are in place

4.10. 2021 Meeting Dates

Proposed 2021 meeting dates were posted in the portal and reviewed by members.

4.11. Council Updates

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

- Staff continue to work from home, likely until October
- Sub-council meetings continue to be online until further notice, members are asked to provide any feedback on how to improve the meeting experience
- We have a new President & CEO, Amina Deiab, and she will be attending the next meeting
- Increasing our social media presence, please forward any info your nominating organization would like to share with the general public

[All]

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- Mark reported it was a difficult summer, the Calgary hailstorm was the 4th costliest disaster in Canada of all time. Alberta has more than half of Canada's natural disaster claims. Covid related issues include vacant/abandoned properties, business interruption disagreements and changes to production (ie. Used to make wedding dresses, now medical masks)
- Gary reported that the City of Edmonton is creating a highrise committee to deal with fire-fighting operations
- Jim reported that the City of Calgary has a coordinated safety response unit to deal with derelict and abandoned buildings. Seeing lots of requests for making hand sanitizer, approval is complicated as these fall under distilleries.
- Chris reported a lot of change underway in the property management industry at this time

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for November 19, 2020 by teleconference at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

WORKING GROUP	WORKING GROUP MEMBERS (Chair)
Occupant Load Joint Working Group (BSC)	<u>Cameron Bardas, Bruce Schultz</u> Mike Bos, Gary Mayorchak, Stephen Suen, David Flanagan, Corey Klimchuk, Darin Sceviour Industry Representative: Heath Wright
Breweries and Distilleries Joint Working Group (BSC)	<u>Ulrik Seward, Hunter Langpap</u> Cameron Bardas, Corey Klimchuk, Andy Smith Industry Representatives: Brad Smilie, Alberta Craft Distillers Association; Ross Alger, Alberta Craft Distillers Association; Glenn Baxter, Calgary Fire Department; Mohammadreza (Reza) Joodaki, Calgary Fire Department, Bryce Parsons, Bearhill Brewing
Code Review	<u>Chris Taylor</u> Gary Mayorchak, Jim Robinson, Marc Royer