



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE THIRD GAS SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2020

DATE: May 28, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference

PRESENT: **Sub-Council Members**
Jason Helfrich, Chair
Cody Christman
Paul Delano
Mark Guderjan
Roy Herrington
Chuck Lemke
James Maddocks
Marcel Mandin
Larry Miller
Randy Saunders
Jeff Skeith
Mike Turek
Dale Walls
Darcy Toner

Safety Codes Council
Kathryn Derkach, Jennifer Johnson

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Sidney Manning, Tom Knull, Claude Valliere, Perry Wager

REGRETS: Ron Beuadette
Cindy Kieu
Nathan Lesage

GUESTS: N/A

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2020 MEETINGS: September 24, November 26

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

Roy Herrington/Mike Turek moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Permit Regulation

2.1.1. 1 u) Single Family Dwelling

The following was discussed:

- Term can cause confusion as homes may have multiple dwelling units (ie. basement and/or garage suites)
- Clarification is needed on correct interpretation
- It was brought forward that ESC would like to form a joint working group to review the definition

Roy Herrington/Cody Christman moved to form a joint working group to review the definition of Single Family Residential Dwelling within the Permit Regulation; CARRIED

Mark Guderjan/Roy Herrington moved that the working group would provide a recommendation by the end of 2020.

Cody Chapman/Dale Walls moved that the working group would include as members: Roy Herrington, Mark Guderjan, Larry Miller and others as required.

2.1.2. 12(2)(c) the replacement of a dryer, range, water heater or space heating appliance

The following was discussed:

- A suggestion was made to add “in kind” but it was noted that could add more confusion for what would qualify
- AMA noted they rely on second part of this clause
- It was suggested that combining all parts would make it clearer

Roy Herrington/Mike Turek moved to recommend that the following change be made to 12(2)(c); *“the replacement of a dryer, range, water heater or space heating appliance if it is located in a single family residential dwelling and no design change is required to any gas piping or venting system”*; CARRIED

2.1.3. 12(2)(d) the relocation, by a gas utility company, of a gas meter, including any piping changes that may be required for the relocation

The following was discussed:

- It was noted that changes downstream of the meter are a design change and should require permitting
- In that case, every single relocation would require a permit since all alter the piping in some way
- Suggestion was made to clarify a certain amount of pipe which would be reasonable

Roy Herrington/Mike Turek moved to recommend that the following edit be made to 12(2)(d); “the relocation, by a gas utility company, of a gas meter, including any piping changes *up to 10 feet* that may be required for the relocation”; CARRIED. Jeff Skeith and Paul Delano were opposed to the addition of a measured distance noting that no safety issues have arisen to give reason for the change.

2.1.4. 12(2)(f) Propane container and installation serving a pump jack, flare stack or oil tank heater at an oil field well site.

The following was discussed:

- The engine it runs needs to be permitted so the tank should be as well
- Should be in alignment with current regulations

Roy Herrington/Cody Christman moved to recommend that clause 12(2)(f) be removed; CARRIED.

2.1.5. 12(2)(g) The replacement of an existing permitted propane container including any piping changes that may be required for the replacement

The following was discussed:

- It was suggested this clause be considered for addition to the Permit Regulation
- Should there be a permit if not done by the same supplier?
- Not necessary if it is the same size

Roy Herrington/James Maddock moved to recommend that clause 12(2)(g) be added with the following edits “*The replacement of an existing permitted propane container of the same size, by the container owner including any piping change up to 10 feet that may be required*”; CARRIED.

2.1.6. 13 (1) A permit issuer may issue a permit in the gas discipline to the following:

(a) a gasfitter;

(b) an owner or employee of a licensed corporation which intends to perform gas fitting work and which employs gasfitters for that purpose.

The following was discussed:

- It is preferred to have someone who is named as responsible for the work

Roy Herrington/Cody Christman moved to recommend that clause 13(1)(a) and 13(1)(b) be left as is; CARRIED.

2.1.7. 13(1) (c) an owner of a farm building if the gas system serves the farm building.

The following was discussed:

- It was suggested that the word “farm” be removed
- The meaning would change drastically if farm was removed, could open up to any type of building

Jeff Skeith/Roy Herrington moved to recommend that clause 13(1)(c) be left as is; CARRIED.

2.1.8. 13(1) (d) a person who has satisfactorily completed a course of training acceptable to the Administrator for the installation of natural gas secondary lines;

The following was discussed:

- Clarification is needed on what type of training is being referred to here
- AMA had created a course on fusion for rural utilities who did not have gas fitters on staff
- The Administrator had stepped out for this portion, it was suggested that he should be consulted on whether or not this clause is still needed

2.1.9. Letter from AMOS opposing the request by Federated Gas Co-op's for an exemption for the installation of a secondary gas line

The following was discussed

- The exemption was requested as it was felt the extra expense and time spent coordinating have no real safety benefit to the consumer
- It was noted that the inspection body uses these permits as a way to track potential work that could happen downstream
- Rural areas are a bit different and the customer may take it upon themselves to install the secondary line

Jeff Skeith/Paul Delano moved to recommend to create an exemption within the permit regulation for the installation of secondary gas lines by utilities and trained employees of the utility; DEFEATED. Jeff Skeith, Paul Delano and Cody Christman voted in favour. Roy Herrington, Mike Turek, Mark Guderjan, Larry Miller, Darcy Toner, Chuck Lemke, and Dale Walls were opposed.

3. Meeting Finalization

3.1. Round Table

- CSA 2.3 related to gas fired central furnaces is open to public review, now is the time to comment on this Standard if desired

3.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for September 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

3.3. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm

Cody Christman/Roy Herrington moved to adjourn the meeting; CARRIED.

– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

– MOTIONS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

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CSA-B149.1-20 – Natural gas and propane installation code	<u>CHAIR (vacant)</u> Jeff Skeith; Mike Turek; Denis Turgeon; Simon Jolly; Chuck Lemke
CSA-B149.2-20 – Propane storage and handling code	<u>Jason Helfrich</u> Jeff Skeith; Mike Turek; Denis Turgeon
CSA-B149.3-20 – Code for the field approval of fuel-related components on appliances and equipment	<u>Glen Aspen</u> Denis Turgeon; James Maddocks
CSA-B149.5-20 – Installation code for propane fuel systems and tanks on highway vehicles	<u>Marcel Mandin</u> Jason Helfrich; Nathan Lesage (AMA – Perry Wager)
CSA-B108-18 – Natural gas fueling stations installation code	<u>Nathan Lesage</u> Marcel Mandin; Blaine Smetaniuk or designate
Permit Regulation	<u>Jason Helfrich</u> Glen Aspen, Jeff Skeith
Hydrogen Fueling Stations	<u>Mark Guderjan</u> Larry Miller
CSA-B109-XX – Natural gas for vehicles installation code	