



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLUMBING SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2023

DATE: June 6, 2023

TIME: 9:03 a.m. to 10:24 a.m.

LOCATION: Videoconference

PRESENT: *Sub-Council Members*
Mark Harrold
Paul Fullam, Vice Chair
Jonathan (Mitch) Colwell
Al Steenbergen
Stephen Laurie
Angus Potskin, Chair
Shawn Van Velzen

Safety Codes Council
Allison Karch, Jennifer Johnson

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

REGRETS: Joe Howdle, Roger Lebeuf

GUESTS: n/a

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2023 MEETINGS: October 3

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A round table introduction was held and videoconference functionality was reviewed, and members were reminded that their primary duty is to act in the interest of safety in the built environment for the benefit of all Albertans.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

Stephen Laurie/Paul Fullam moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the March 28, 2023 Minutes

Stephen Laurie/Mark Harrold moved to adopt the minutes of the March 28 meeting, as circulated; CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Closed Session

2.1.1. Nomination of Ping Gao to represent Professional Engineers

Mark Harrold/Stephen Laurie moved to recommend to the Board appointment of Ping Gao to the Plumbing Sub-Council to represent Professional Engineers for a term ending January 31, 2026, effective immediately; CARRIED

2.1.2. Reappointment of Joe Howdle to represent Manufacturers and Suppliers

Stephen Laurie/Paul Fullam moved to recommend to the Board reappointment of Joe Howdle to the Plumbing Sub-Council to represent Manufacturers for a term ending January 31, 2026, effective immediately; CARRIED

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

Deferred to next meeting.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. Cisterns – Scope of the Plumbing Code

A document was shared regarding an NRC Plumbing Code Change Request for Cisterns and the following was discussed:

- The working group is suggesting adding requirements for potable water cisterns to the National Plumbing Code.
- Sub-council members are asked to approach their respective nominating organizations and industry groups to gather information on failures and other issues related to potable water cisterns. Members are able to share the document that is in the portal to assist with gathering this information.
- The new code includes provisions for non-potable cisterns, such as for rainwater harvesting, which will likely help support a similar change for potable cisterns.
- AHS has asked for information regarding cisterns but since they aren't in the plumbing code currently there is nowhere to direct them.

- It was noted that the gas code does mention maintenance in regards to propane dispensing stations, it is only a guide but does mention items to be concerned about.
- Feedback on costs and failure rates is needed. [All]

4.2. Reference Standards

4.2.1. NSF

Item was deferred.

4.2.2. ULC

Item was deferred.

4.2.3. CSA

Item was deferred.

4.2.4. IAPMO

Item was deferred.

4.3. Working Group Reports

4.3.1. NPV 2020

Item was deferred.

4.4. AMOS Report

Item was deferred.

4.5. PSSC Liaison Report

Item was deferred.

4.6. Council Updates

Item was deferred.

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

Item was deferred.

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for October 3, 2023 at the Council office at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

Mark Harrold/Mitch Colwell moved to adjourn the meeting; CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

WORKING GROUP	WORKING GROUP MEMBERS (<u>Chair</u>)
NPC 2025	<u>Stephen Laurie</u> Joe Howdle, Al Steenbergen, Paul Fullam