



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLUMBING SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2020

DATE: May 5, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference

PRESENT: **Sub-Council Members**
David Hughes, Chair
Mark Harrold, Vice Chair
Paul Fullam
Tim Kosolofski
Quenton Kusiek
Stephen Laurie
Roger Lebeuf
Angus Potskin
Shawn van Velzen
Al Steenbergen

Safety Codes Council
Kathryn Derkach, Jennifer Johnson, Susan Rossmann

Alberta Municipal Affairs
Sidney Manning, Joe Petryk, Laura Willcocks, Bohdan Yard, Tom Knull, Claude Valliere

REGRETS: David Dallaire
Stephan Dussault

GUESTS:

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2020 MEETINGS: October 6, December 1

1. Meeting Opening

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and a round table introduction was held.

1.1 Agenda Adoption

Mark Harrold/Paul Fullam moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the March 3, 2020 Minutes

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2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Skills Matrix Review

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[Council Administration]

3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date	Responsible	Status/Update
1	Water Quality re. Water Reuse Alternative Solutions	Bring forward further policy documents from Alberta Health Services and Alberta Environment.	Jan 24/17	Manning	Ongoing.
		Research water quality topics (Water Safety Plans, Log Reductions, DALY) and bring findings to next meeting.	May 22/18	All	Ongoing. Mark found on information on DALY in relation to plumbing SCOs regarding diseases passed through water. Having found how to calculate DALY for specific issues, Mark will prepare and post on site for the next meeting.
2	Requirements for Combination Heating Systems: Dual Purpose Water Heater STANDATA	Investigate a path forward for the expired STANDATA once the revised B214 is issued. (Full discussion in Oct. 2019 minutes, item 4.9)	May 2/17	Hughes / Manning	There have been a couple of meetings and it was determined to move forward with the updated Standard. It should be going out for public review shortly. Keep ongoing.
3	Low Temperature	Report back from NSF relative to NSF/ANSI 40 and	Dec 5/17	Morin	Ongoing.

	Testing	NSF/ANSI 350 – if there is no longer a Canadian standard, this should be addressed in NSF standards.			
4	Removing Sewer and Water Service Restricted Certification	Assist the Administrators to determine jurisdictions that could be included in an Info Bulletin regarding jurisdictional challenges btwn plumbing systems and private sewage systems.	Dec 3/19	Fullam/ Harrold/ Kusiek	The Plumbing Administrator reported there has been no movement on this within Municipal Affairs. It is part of the larger discussion on red tape reduction, which is ongoing.
5	Temporary Work Camps	Provide final draft guidance document with content to address systems over 25 m ³ for comment from members.	Dec 3/19	Morin	Ongoing. This document is complete, waiting on final approval to proceed.
6	Cisterns – Scope of Plumbing Code	Work with AMA on drafting a code change request for the NPC 2025.	Sep 18/18	Hughes/Dallaire/ Kosolofski/ Harrold	Ongoing.
		Provide CAN/CSA-B126 SERIES-13 (R2018) – Water cisterns to the group developing a code change request on cisterns.	Dec 3/19	Morin	Ongoing. Municipal Affairs will follow up.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. Energy Efficiency Requirements for Domestic Water Heaters

The following was discussed:

- Category 1 storage style domestic water heaters currently do not need to meet the requirements for high efficiency. NRCAN website indicates that by 2025 there will be no appliances allowed which are lower than a condensing appliance. The change was originally thought to be in place in 2020 so this provides a longer window than was originally identified.

4.2. Permit Regulation Review

The Administrator would like to engage the sub-council to see if there is an interest in making any changes if the Permit Regulation is opened in the fall. It was noted that data or anecdotal evidence to define any issues and proposed solutions are required before putting any changes forward.

There was discussion around permit wording for mobile RV parks as well as whether existing tanks should be defined as equipment.

Members are asked to take the information back to their nominating organizations and bring back any feedback or concerns prior to the next meeting. [All]

Item will be added to Matters Arising Action List.

[Council Administration]

4.3. Reference Standards

4.3.1. NSF

Nothing to report.

4.3.2. ULC

The following was discussed:

- Work is continuing at a national level via virtual meetings
- Expect to have a report for the next meeting.

4.3.3. CSA

The following was discussed:

- Work is continuing to develop, no word yet if meetings will take place virtually.

4.3.4. BNQ

The following was discussed:

- There have been meetings regarding proposed changes, a report can be prepared for the next meeting. [Petryk]

4.4. Working Group Reports

4.4.1. NPC 2020

The following was discussed:

- Three column document came out last Thursday, working group hasn't had a chance to go through it yet.
- Claude has condensed the 3CD to include just the major changes, also identified issues which have been previously addressed.

4.4.2. PSDS

A written report was included in the portal and the following was discussed:

- Meetings have been a challenge due to Covid-19, plan to meet via teleconference next week.
- There is a large amount of work to be done and group members have been assigned homework to work on in between meetings to keep the project moving forward.

4.4. AMOS Report

Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 and has not yet been rescheduled.

4.5. Administrator/AMA Report

The Plumbing Administrator provided a written report and highlights included:

- NPC 2020 – Public consultation was completed, publication is still expected in 2021.
- Water reuse policy development – still waiting for a draft document to share.
- Covid-19 update – CIPH has messaging regarding importance of minimum requirements for plumbing systems to prevent cross contamination. As well, Alberta Health is developing recommendations for use of reoccupied buildings, which will include best practices on how to repurpose buildings for use.

The Private Sewage Administrator provided a written report and highlights included:

- Several new technologies meet standards but don't fit under the installation standard in the SOP. Looking for clarification on involvement of PSC and PSDS working group on this.

The Administrator will discuss further with Municipal Affairs and reach out to the Safety Codes Council for support if necessary.

- Preparing a STANDATA to clarify definition of 'equipment' in the Permit Regulation.

4.6. Council Updates

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

- Allison is on maternity leave, please direct all emails to Kathryn or Jennifer
- Changes to working group procedures
- Covid-19 update: Office is closed to the public and staff are working remotely, Conference has been cancelled, date and format of AGM are being discussed.
- The creation of the proposed Private Sewage Sub-Council has been delayed by the postponement of the AGM but work is ongoing to make it as smooth as possible once approved
- The Governance Committee has approved a panel to create a draft matrix for the Private Sewage Sub-Council which will be submitted to the Board

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- Nothing identified.

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for October 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

Angus Potskin/Mark Harrold moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.; CARRIED

– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

WORKING GROUP	WORKING GROUP MEMBERS (<u>Chair</u>)
PSDS	<u>Angus Potskin</u> Kenneth Wigmore, David Hughes, Adel Carew, Lesley Desjardins, Angus Chu, David Dallaire, Richard Stellmaker, Daniel Morris, Barry Bohn, Rick Tipple, Brent Bowerman
NPC 2020	<u>Quenton Kusiek</u> Tim Kosolofski; Mark Harrold; Ken Morrison