



Safety Codes Council

MINUTES OF THE THIRD PLUMBING SUB-COUNCIL MEETING OF 2020

DATE: October 6, 2020

TIME: 9:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

LOCATION: Safety Codes Council Office, Edmonton

PRESENT: **Sub-Council Members**
David Hughes, Chair
David Dallaire
Mark Harrold, Vice Chair
Paul Fullam
Tim Kosolofski
Stephen Laurie
Angus Potskin
Shawn Van Velzen
Al Steenbergen

Safety Codes Council
Kathryn Derkach, Jennifer Johnson
Michael Lalonde, Kris Schmaltz (Item 4.2.)

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

REGRETS: Stephen Dussault
Quenton Kusiek
Roger Lebeuf

GUESTS: n/a

RECORDER: Jennifer Johnson

2020 MEETINGS: December 1

1. Meeting Opening

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3. Review Matters Arising/Action List

	Item	Action	Date	Responsible	Status/Update
1	Water Quality re. Water Reuse Alternative	Bring forward further policy documents from Alberta Health Services and Alberta Environment.	Jan 24/17	Manning	Guidelines for water reuse are complete. Waiting for approval to publish from AB Health. Ongoing

	Solutions				
		Research water quality topics (Water Safety Plans, Log Reductions, DALY) and bring findings to next meeting.	May 22/18	All	Mark uploaded a document to the portal with information on DALY and where to find additional info on waterborne diseases, bacteria, etc.
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	B214 has gone through public review. STANDATA still needed as this won't be addressed in NBC until the next edition. Current STANDATA has expired, will work on new one for review by the PSC.
3	Low Temperature Testing	Report back from NSF relative to NSF/ANSI 40 and NSF/ANSI 350 – if there is no longer a Canadian standard, this should be addressed in NSF standards.	Dec 5/17	Petryk	Ongoing.
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	No movement on this, may not be meeting again until Spring of 2021.
5	Temporary Work Camps	Provide final draft guidance document with content to address systems over 25 m ³ for comment from members.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	Petryk	This document is complete, will be posted soon.
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	Petryk	Ongoing. Municipal Affairs will follow up.

7	Permit Regulation Review	Is there any interest in making changes? It was noted that data or anecdotal evidence to define any issues and proposed solutions are required before putting any changes forward. Members were asked to go back to their nominating orgs and bring back any feedback or concerns prior to the next meeting.	May 5/20	Petryk/All	<p>No concerns were brought forward from member organizations.</p> <p>Administrator of PSDS noted that sewage tanks are identified as pieces of equipment, would like to look at changing that wording.</p> <p>Leave as ongoing.</p>
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4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. 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

4.2. Council Education Presentation

A presentation by Kris Schmaltz and Michael Lalonde was included in the portal and the highlights from the presentation included:

- 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

After the presentation, the following was discussed:

- It was agreed that educating contractors and industry stakeholders would make it easier for SCOs to do their jobs
- Opportunity to work with trades and industry
- Public education about the safety codes system in general as well as information on permitting and minimum requirements would be helpful
- Would know they’d been successful if we saw less deficiencies, as well as by surveying organizations for feedback

4.3. Reference Standards

4.3.1. NSF

No update

4.3.2. ULC

No update

4.3.3. CSA

The following was discussed:

- The failure of connectors has been brought up at national discussions, matter is ongoing
- B214 has gone through public review, final edits are underway now with publication expected in January 2021

4.4. Working Group Reports

4.4.1. NPC 2020

The following was discussed:

- Working group has not met
- There is a new 3CD in the portal, may change slightly once all code change proposals are received from NRC
- This document could potentially be used to develop training for SCOs in advance of receiving the published version of the code

4.4.2. PSDS

The following was discussed:

- Work continues on the SOP and the handbook
- Streamlining the process in order to meet the timeline of automatic code adoption slated for the new year
- Unfortunate side effect of COVID 19 has been the loss of many representatives who have had to step back to deal with other matters

4.5. AMOS Report

Nothing to report

4.6. Administrator/AMA Report

A report was included in the portal and the Plumbing Administrator reported the following:

- New Minister of Municipal Affairs is Tracy Allard
- Fall legislature is expected to be quite busy with many recovery initiatives
- Currently working on new permit regulation
- There may be an opportunity to provide input on labour and mobility legislation
- Working with the Fire Administrator on a joint STANDATA on qualifications
- Canadian Advisory Council on plumbing met this summer, will have a report for the next meeting
- Proposed publication of NPC 2020 by December 2021
- Water reuse policy development for Alberta Health: STANDATA to reflect new joint policy with Health, Environment, and AMA
- Discussion regarding building code interpretation, while it is typical for a modern dwelling unit to contain modern plumbing amenities (sinks, bathtubs, laundry, etc.) it is

not required. If there is no piped water, there is no waste and no building sewer is required. Therefore, no requirement for a private sewage disposal system

The Private Sewage Administrator reported the following:

- The team continues to be focused on working on the SOP with the working group
- Final draft will be ready soon for presentation to the PSC

4.7. 2021 Meeting Dates

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

4.8. Council Updates

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

- Staff continue to work from home 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
- ASCA has taken over responsibility for storage tank systems
- Reminder to please fill out the member survey
- We have a new President & CEO, Amina Deiab
- Increasing our social media presence, please forward any info your nominating organization would like to share with the general public
- Launching a new public website soon and would like a couple of members to review and provide feedback

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4.9. Water Reuse Notice Review

The following was discussed:

- Draft version of Notice to coincide with release of water reuse guidelines
- This notice along with public health guidelines will mean water quality is being identified during the process and will help define nonpotable water
- Was needed because of people collecting and reusing water, municipalities were left to decide on the parameters
- Members are asked to review the Notice “Alternative Solutions Guide for Small System Water Reuse and Stormwater Use” and the STANDATA P-17-01 NPC15 “Reclaimed Water Systems on a Single Property” and send any comments to the Administrator
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5. Meeting Finalization

5.1. Round Table

- Discussion regarding footbaths and how to evaluate in the absence of certification; looking at field approval which is also used for stainless steel fixtures or can also look at them under complex projects
- Discussion regarding a dishwasher installation where it discharges at too high of a temperature and the contractor wants to put a double check valve on it; it was noted that an RP would be necessary

5.2. Next Meeting

The next meeting was reconfirmed for December 1, 2020 by teleconference at 9:00 a.m.

5.3. Meeting Adjournment

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– NEW ACTION ITEMS –

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– WORKING GROUP MEMBER LISTS –

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PSDS	<u>Angus Potskin</u> Kenneth Wigmore, David Hughes, Rick Tipple, Lesley Desjardins, David Dallaire, Richard Stellmaker, Daniel Morris, Barry Bohn, Brent Bowerman Municipal Affairs: David Dobson, Joe Petryk, Stephen Hirose
NPC 2020	<u>Quenton Kusiek</u> Tim Kosolofski; Mark Harrold; Ken Morrison