Minutes of the Boilers and Pressure Vessels (BPV) Advisory Council meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held in Boardrooms 1433 and 1434, 14th Floor, Centre Tower, 3300 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th day of May, 2016.


In attendance: Michael Beard, President and CEO (all items except 1-3, and 10-13), Mike Adams, Director of Boilers and Pressure Vessels and Operating Engineers (all except item 12), Wilson Lee, Director of Stakeholders Relations (items 7 and), Maram Khalif, Council Coordinator (all except item 12), Cathy Turylo, Manager of BPV Engineering, (all except item 12), Ellen White, Policy Advisor (all except item 12), and Peter Wong, VP Operations, (all except item 12).

Guests: Kristan Chan, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS) (all except item 12), James Murray, Student Intern, MGCS, (all except item 12), and Ed Narejko, ArcelorMittal Dofasco.


1. Constitution of Meeting

S. Lawrence, Chair, welcomed Council members and called the meeting to order.

Roundtable introductions followed.

As part of the safety moment, Council viewed a safety video highlighting the dangers of texting while walking.

2. Approval of Agenda

Council approved the agenda of the May 4, 2016 meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the December 9, 2015 Boilers and Pressure Vessels Advisory Council meeting as drafted, as being a true and correct record of that meeting.

4. Review Action Items from Last Meeting December 9, 2015

C. Turylo reviewed the action items with Council members as follows:
M. Adams provided an update on the progress of reviewing standardized orders, noting that recommendations were shared with the insurance sector. This review is on hold due to the ongoing regulation review and will be noted as an outstanding action item until it is completed.

Implementation of the propane tank task group recommendations were further discussed. Some of the outstanding issues such as codes and training materials, were discussed. Council noted those issues will be addressed by the Propane Advisory Council and the Fuels Safety Program. The action item will stay open until the implementation is completed. The Chair will determine when to table this item on the agenda for follow up.

The completed action item regarding the process of adopting CSA B51 and CSA /B52 was discussed. The process of drafting, developing and reviewing a Code Adoption Document is under review and more information will be provided under item 10.

5. Council Chair’s Report

The Chair noted that he provided his annual report to the President and CEO. The Chair also provided information on matters discussed at the last Committee of Council Chair’s meeting held on January 13, 2016 and highlighted the proposed changes to the Delegated Administrative Authority Act. He mentioned that TSSA’s current governance and oversight is very similar to the model being recommended.

6. TSSA President & CEO’s Report

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, members received a report from the President and CEO regarding TSSA’s key activities over the last quarter, which was treated as read.

M. Beard highlighted the relocation of TSSA’s Head Office to 345 Carlingview Drive and the TSSA 20/20 initiative.

Discussion ensued around the work of TSSA’s Office of Ombudsman. Council requested to view the annual report at the next meeting.

Council also discussed fraudulently certified material, an issue that had become widespread in the industry.

ACTION: D. Scriven will provide the annual report from the Office of the Ombudsman at the next meeting.

7. Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS)

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, members received a report from MGCS, which was treated as read.

K. Chan highlighted progress on the ongoing non-BPV regulation reviews and the proposed legislative amendment to TSS Act to include a time limit on appeals.

8. Boilers and Pressure Vessels Regulatory Compliance Initiative

K. Chan highlighted the outcome for each phase of the BPV regulation review since the last meeting. She noted there were five main issues that needed further discussions. Deloitte Canada, the chosen MGCS consultants, are in the midst of preparing a report capturing all the issues discussed during consultations. The consultation panel will provide input on the report. The final report will be shared with the consultation panel and with the Council in the Fall 2016.
TSSA is also preparing their recommendations focusing on orders issued for non-compliance and issuing certification of inspection. TSSA will be looking into ways of operationalizing and the costs associated with implementation of the above tasks.

9. Compliance Safety Report for Boilers and Pressure Vessels

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, which forms part of the record of the meeting, M. Adams provided an overview of information on the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Safety Program.

Council expressed interest in receiving more information on the investigation of incidents presented at the meeting. Council also requested receiving updates on incidents in a newsletter format. TSSA’s Exchange Blog was noted as the most effective way of sharing information and Council were encouraged to sign up for subscriptions.

10. Discussion of Member Topics: New Code Adoption Document (CAD) Amendment Process

**Propane Pressure Relief Valves:** J. Adams summarized the issue of pressure relief valves for propane tanks as specified in NFPA 58. There are concerns with some of the wording in the CSA B51 code that is being considered for adoption. Discussion ensued on how to address the concerns by changing and adopting the new language in the CSA B51. C. Turylo will follow up on this issue with the appropriate CSA B51 subcommittees to discuss what code changes could be considered. As a result, it was agreed that the Code Adoption Document would not proceed for public comment until the CSA B51 committee has an opportunity to discuss this issue at the August 2016 meeting.

**Agriculture Boilers:** P. Sterescu reiterated that the Insurance Sector had communicated the exemption of greenhouses in Ontario and the risk involved at the last few Council meetings which MGCS representatives attended. He provided historical reasons for the exemption, one being the physical size of greenhouses, which has now grown to a size equivalent to substantial factory. In order to revisit this issue, MGCS is requesting evidence based information on the risk. The challenges of collecting information without a Director’s Order or regulation was noted. Council requested that MGCS provide basis for exemption. MGCS will explain the historical reasons for the exemption policy and the rationale behind it.

Council noted they would like to draft a formal document to the MGCS. The document will be initiated by the Council with TSSA’s support.

ACTION: MGCS representative to provide the historical reasons for the exemption of agriculture boilers at the next meeting.

ACTION: Council will begin working on document to highlight the risks associated with unregulated greenhouses.

11. Questions on Information Items and Other Business

There was no discussion under this item.

12. Termination
The meeting was terminated at 12:38 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at the new location at 345 Carlingview Drive, Toronto.