



Technical Standards and Safety Authority Minutes of the Ski Lifts Advisory Council On March 28, 2019

Minutes of the Ski Lifts Advisory Council meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held in the Ontario Boardroom, 345 Carlingview Drive. Toronto, Ontario at 9:30 a.m. on the 28th day of March 2019.

Present: Bruce Haynes (Chair) Ontario Snow Resorts Association (OSRA); Ward Bond, Bond Ski Lift Installations/Loch Lomond Ski Areas; Murray Frankcom, Blue Mountain Resort Inc.; Craig MacDonald, Caledon Ski Club; Dave Mathewson, Mount Pakenham Ski Area; Kevin Nichol, Nichol Solutions North Inc.; Bradley Redwood, Canadian Ski Patrol Association; Mark Rutherford, Brimacombe, Sarah Simons, Kenney Engineering; Brandon Vriens, Leitner-Poma Canada Inc.

Bonnie Rose, President & CEO; Roger Neate, Director, Amusement and Elevating Devices, Ski Lifts; Dan Brazier, Interim Chief Financial Officer (item 8); Nancy Webb, Vice President, Communications and Stakeholders; Rob Kremer, Manager, Elevating and Amusement Devices; Dean McLellan, Incident Management Specialist; Jim Palmer, Supervisor; Robert Wiersma, Manager, Public Safety & Risk Management (item 11); Sandra Cooke, TSSA Ombudsman (item 7); Nameer Rahman, Policy Advisor; Ian Shaw, Stakeholder Relations Advisor; Consuelo Esquivel, Council Coordinator

Guests: Richard Hustwick & Diana Bosniak, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Regrets: John Ball, Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA)

1. Constitution of Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. R. Neate spoke to the safety moment on the danger of refilling 1lb propane canisters.

2. Adoption of the March 28, 2019 Agenda

Council members approved the agenda for the March 28, 2018 meeting.

3. Adoption of minutes of October 24, 2018

Council members approved the minutes of the October 24, 2018 meeting as being a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Review Action Items from last meeting

The action items were discussed at today's meeting under various agenda items.

5. Chair's Report/Update

The Chair spoke favourably to the past ski season, noting that many resorts had a successful season, including the Grade 4/5 pass that saw an increase in sales by 18 per cent. The Chair also announced his retirement effective November 30th, 2019. He stated that the goal is to have his OSRA replacement in place by September 1st, 2019.

6. TSSA President and CEO's Update

The President treated her Report, distributed with the advance materials, as read. She spoke briefly to TSSA's response to the Auditor General's recommendations that has been submitted to the Ministry and noted that the document will be shared with the Advisory Councils once TSSA is able to do so.



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7. TSSA's Transformation to an Outcome-based Regulator

S. Cooke spoke her presentation. She stated that further presentations to the Advisory Councils would be more of a status updates, as members of the Councils sit on the advisory group and will be more involved going forward. S. Cooke spoke to the need for transformation of how TSSA operates, citing a cultural problem and the need to move from enforcement to collaboration. S. Cooke spoke to the five-year plan and how the focus is going to be on high risk and enhanced authorizations, providing examples from the toolkit that ranged from enforcement to education. The Council discussed how this shift could affect the regulated community and the Council asked TSSA to be aware of unintended consequences.

8. Fee Review

D. Brazier provided the Council with some background information, stating that the need for a fee increase does still exist, referencing the loss of revenue due to the revocation of the Upholstered and Stuffed Articles regulation. He also stated that the proposed increase is still behind inflation and the goal is to have a reasonable reserve fund as well as aiming to have a breakeven budget. He then spoke to timing and that the plan is to implement the change for July 1st, 2019. The Council thanked D. Brazier for his report.

9. Code Adoption Document (CAD) Amendment

R. Kremer spoke to this item, stating that the Elevating Devices CAD Amendment had been posted for public consultation and that it has now been sent to the Ministry for their review and depending on when TSSA receives feedback, the effective date could be mid-April 2019. The Council discussed the content of the amendment and the need to discuss this with other jurisdictions, specifically Technical Safety BC.

10. Operator Training

M. Rutherford spoke to this item, stating that there is some confusion regarding what level of training is acceptable to TSSA. R. Neate stated that TSSA looks to the operators to determine what level is necessary to train their staff, with the goal is for operators in the industry to learn from each other and share best practices. The Council was supportive of the suggestion that TSSA share incident data that would help guide operators on what incidents are occurring in order to inform their training.

11. Safety and Compliance Report

R. Wiersma spoke to his report noting the risk hot spots, stating that there has been a small increase with regards to concussions and how TSSA is now assessing concussions based on new health criteria, that relates to the ski industry when looking at incidents of head impacts. The Council discussed what this would look like as TSSA moves towards becoming an Outcomes-Based Regulator and it was agreed that reporting of these incidents is important to gain a clearer picture.

12. Incident Reporting Guidelines – Lift Restart

M. Frankcom spoke to the item, referring to the Lift Restart Competent Person (LRCP) proposal. This had been shared with Council in advance of the meeting. He stated that the goal is to have someone trained that is able to restart the ski lift other than a mechanic or engineer. He provided an overview of the document and the procedures, noting that the goal is for smoother operation of the ski lift in the event of a stoppage. If approved by TSSA, it was agreed by Council that this would prove useful to include in life operator training in the Fall.



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13. MGCS Update

R. Hustwick introduced Diana Bosniak who would be attending future Council meetings. R. Hustwick stated with regards to Elevator Availability that the Ministry was still awaiting direction from the government. He then spoke to how ski lift operators were to be delisted from the Ontario College of Trades and sought Council's feedback or reaction. The Council briefly discussed this noting that it could have an impact on ski lift mechanics.

14. Industry Discussion

The Council discussed how inspection fees were calculated and what the process was to resolve disputes.

15. Question and Answer

There was no discussion.

16. Council administration

a) Membership

All members are up-to-date with their membership on Council.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at around 1:30 pm. Council met *in camera* without TSSA staff and guests.