



# Technical Standards and Safety Authority

## Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council Meeting on March 9, 2017

Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council (ADAC) meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held in in Ontario Room, 345 Carlingview Drive, Toronto, Ontario at 10:00 a.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017

- Present:** Cindy Sypher (Chair), Sypher & Associates Field Engineering Ltd., Keith Brown, BOPS Inc., Andrew Gidaro, A to Z Fun Rentals, (items 1-10), Janice Jeffreys, A. E. Jeffreys Insurance Brokerage House Inc., Bill Kane, North American Midway Entertainment., Kathryn Woodcock, Consumers Advisory Council, Rick McMullen, 401 Mini-Indy Limited, Elaine Rennie, OAAS, Peter Switzer, Canada's Wonderland, Andreas Tanzer, Proslide Technology Inc, Bill Carter, Jim Kong Amusements, Peter Gismondi, Superior Events, Brendan Turner, Camp Quality Canada and Mike Cruz, Canadian National Exhibition.
- Attendees:** Michael Beard, President and CEO (items 1 to 8 and 13), Roger Neate, Director, Elevating and Amusement Devices (all items except item 16), David Scriven, Vice President, Safety Strategy and Corporate Secretary (all items except item 16), Tarannum Khatra, Council Coordinator (all items except item 16), Dean McLellan, Incident Management Specialist (all items except 16), Sonny Silva, Inspector, (all items except 16), Wilson Lee, Director, Stakeholders Relations (for items 9 and 10 only) and Kersti Pikk, Policy Advisor, Stakeholder Relations (all items except item 16).
- Guest:** Richard Hustwick, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services.
- Regrets:** Mark Bingeman, Bingemans; Darryl Hore, Caliber Eng. Corp; Peter Wong, VP of Operations.

### **1. Constitution of Meeting**

C. Sypher, Chair, welcomed Council. The meeting was called to order.

As part of the safety moment, Council viewed a safety video entitled 'Take your Kids to work.'

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Council members approved the agenda for the March 9, 2017 meeting.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

Council members approved the minutes from the November 10, 2016 ADAC meeting as drafted, as being a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **4. Review Action Items from Last Meeting**

S. Silva noted that the highlighted action item was completed. He advised Council that the remaining action items will be updated under agenda item 13, 8 and 9, respectively.



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### 5. Council Chair's Report

C. Sypher provided a verbal update as part of the Chair's Report. She spoke to Council about ASTM F-24. She also advised Council about a fatality in Kansas City involving a Water Slide injury and the need for further education on this issue.

### 6. TSSA President and CEO's Report

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, Council 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 progress of TSSA's 20/20 initiative focusing on improving business processes and supporting information systems, which will modernize and improve TSSA's business model.

### 7. TSSA Strategic Plan

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, Council received the TSSA Strategic Plan, which was treated as read.

D. Scriven provided details about the TSSA Strategic Plan. TSSA is moving towards becoming a Modern Regulator and becoming more transparent by making more of our data available to our customers. Furthermore, he informed Council that the purpose statement has been refined to reflect "live, work and play for a safer Ontario." TSSA's goal is to be an advocate for safety awareness and compliance.

### 8. Priority issues - Council survey results

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, Council received the Priority Issues survey results, which was treated as read. The top three priorities selected were ASTM, eligibility and accessibility issues and control of unlicensed operators.

Council discussed issues with 'control of unlicensed operators.' Council advised TSSA that in the inflatable industry, the majority of issues and incidents occur over the weekend, when it is difficult to get an inspector to come and check the incident. As a result, the unlicensed operators continue to operate which can be frustrating for licensed operators. Council advised that the gap needs to be addressed.

### 9. Priority issue - Adoption of ASTM International

There was extensive discussion about the Code Adoption Document (CAD). W. Lee apologized for the delay in producing the CAD. He cited two reasons for the delay: new requirements by the Ministry and staffing challenges in his department that have now been resolved.

W. Lee advised that it will take 30 days for public consultation and 20 days of consultation within the Ministry. Council expressed concern about the delay. W. Lee commiserated with Council's frustration and suggested that members engage themselves in the process.

Council wanted to have a target date for submission to the Ministry. It was set for June 1, 2017. Council emphasized that should this deadline be missed, the Amusement Devices industry will lose another season without the new standard.



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Ministry representative, R. Hustwick, said that the Ministry is carrying out its due diligence in the interest of the public. Council advised that consumers want to adopt standards as soon as possible; more than 900 engineers have been involved in the code development process. R. Hustwick advised Council that their concerns will be conveyed to the Ministry.

W. Lee advised Council that Kersti Pikk, from the TSSA Stakeholders Relations Unit, will be the lead for this issue.

**Action:** W. Lee to submit the CAD for Ministry's review by June 1, 2017.

### 10. **Priority Issue - Waterslide public awareness program**

W. Lee advised Council that emphasis will be placed on education and advocacy rather than on research. There is no new update with regards to the awareness program; TSSA is open to collaboration on this subject. Council emphasized the need for increased communication to operators as they need to educate their guests appropriately on waterslide safety.

### 11. **Amusement Device Accessibility for persons with disabilities - Update on Waterslides**

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, Council received the AD Water Slide accommodation recommendation guideline. Members were asked to forward their questions to S. Silva or M. Bingeman. S. Silva asked that comments be emailed to him within two weeks of a meeting.

Council stated that there are no standard accessibility rules for waterparks. All waterparks operate as they deem fit. There is a pressing need to establish standardized rules and shared approaches to address accessibility.

S. Silva reported that the document is a guideline for helping facilities that offers them a process they can follow when making plans for accessibility. D. Scriven advised Council that this carries the theme of a modern regulator. TSSA recognizes the issue of accessibility but it can only present a solution in the form of a guideline.

### 12. **Ministry of Government and Consumer Services**

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, Council received an MGCS Advisory Council update, which was treated as read. R. Hustwick informed Council of a new Minister for Accessibility, Tracy MacCharles.

### 13. **Training Document for the Incident guideline**

As part of the advanced materials for this meeting, Council received the TSSA Incident Reporting guideline. D. McLellan presented the slides. He asked Council to report 'near-misses' at amusement parks. To report an incident, a toll free number is available with a call service: 1-877-682-8772. This number can also be used to report operations by illegal air bounce operators. The primary goal is to analyse trends in incidents. Moving forward, TSSA would ideally like to have a website that can be used by owners to report their incidents online. This is part of TSSA's 20/20 project.



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### 14. Questions on Information Items and Other Business

An additional agenda item was added to the meeting: Trampoline Parks. Council advised that there is a need to harmonize the definition of amusement devices. R. Neate advised that TSSA is working on the CAD, as opposed to altering the current regulations. He noted that the definition of amusement devices comes from the regulations.

S. Silva advised that the ESA is hosting their annual carnival meeting on April 6 at 8:00 a.m. The details will be sent to Council after the meeting.

E. Rennie advised Council that she is resigning from Council. Vince Brenner will be taking over her seat at the Council.

**Action:** T. Khatra to send out the carnival meeting details to Council.

### 15. In-Camera

Council members met in-camera without management and guests.

### 16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2017.