IN THE MATTER OF:

Technical Standards and Safety Act 2000, S.O. 2000, c. 16
- and -
Ontario Regulation 222/01 made under the
Technical Standards and Safety Act 2000
(Ontario Regulation 222/01, Certification of Elevating Device Mechanics)

Subject: Ski Lift Mechanic Continuing Education Requirements
Sent to: All Mechanic, Mechanics-In-Training, Registered Contractor's and Accredited Training Providers

Under the authority of section 32(1) of the Technical Standards and Safety Act (the Act), the Director for the purposes of Ontario Regulation 222/01 (Certification and Training of Elevating Device Mechanics) hereby establishes the qualifications, training and experience required for certificate holders specified as Ski Lift Mechanic Continuing Education Requirements.

1. All classes of Ski Lift Mechanics (SLMs) must successfully complete the continuing education requirement described in this Director’s Order or in any subsequent TSSA policy issued by the Director pursuant to his authority under section 32(1) of the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000.

2. The continuing education requirement referred to in clause 1 of this order includes, subject to any published changes to policy as described in clause 1, a minimum of 4 hours of instruction on the following topics:
   a. 2 hours on safe work practices and related topics that may include product-specific safety applications or procedures; the Technical Standards and Safety Act (the “Act”) and its applicable regulations, Z98 Passenger ropeways and passenger conveyors safety code, director’s orders/bulletins; and
   b. 2 hours on technical training related to the passenger ropeways and conveyors industry, which may include cross-discipline training involving curriculum that may have an impact on the passenger ropeways and conveyors industry.

3. The continuing education training referred to in clause 1 of this order must be taught by an accredited training provider approved by the Director. Only training providers listed on the TSSA website are considered accredited trainers for the purposes of this continuing education requirement.

4. An application for renewal of any ski-lift mechanic certificate must include documented proof that the applicant has successfully completed the continuing education requirement referred to in clause 1 of this Order and must be submitted in the format set out by TSSA. Only certificates from accredited training providers will be accepted as proof of completion of the continuing education requirement. Training received from non-accredited training providers will not be accepted.
5. Documentary proof of completion of the continuing education requirement referred to in clause 1 and clause 4 of this order must be received by TSSA either prior to submitting a certificate renewal application or as an attachment to a certificate renewal application.

Background:

The Ski Lift Mechanic Advisory Council and Ski Lift Mechanic Training and Certification Advisory Board ("TCAB") have recommended to the Director, for the purposes of Ontario Regulation 222/01 (Certification and Training of Elevating Device Mechanics), that Ski Lift Mechanics complete continuing education training as a condition of their certificate renewal. These recommendations were made as a proactive measure to ensure that all Ski Lift Mechanics are continuously trained on aspects of the industry.

The recommendations were discussed by the TCAB, which formed a subcommittee to develop continuing education training requirements for ski lift mechanics. The subcommittee presented their proposal to TCAB and Ski Lift Advisory Council, which endorsed the requirement for 4 hours of continuing education.

This requirement is effective January 1, 2019.

DATED this 22 day of February, 2018

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Roger Neate
Director, Ontario Regulation 222/01 (Certification and Training of Elevating Device Mechanics made under The Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000

Distribution: Posted to TSSA website and sent to all SLM Certificate Holders, Registered Contractors and Accredited Training Providers