



Technical Standards and Safety Authority Minutes of Ski Lifts Advisory Council Meeting held on October 26, 2017

Minutes of the Ski Lifts Advisory Council (SLAC) 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 26th day of October 2017.

Present: Bruce Haynes (Chair) Ontario Snow Resorts Association (OSRA), John Ball, Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA), Ward Bond, Bond Ski Lift Installations/Loch Lomond Ski Areas, Murray Frankcom, Blue Mountain Resort, Dolly Gerrior, Consumers Advisory Council (CAC), Craig MacDonald, Caledon Ski Club, Dave Mathewson, Mount Pakenham Ski Area, Kevin Nichol, Gougeon Insurance Brokers, Mark Rutherford, Brimacombe.

David Scriven, Acting President & CEO, Peter Wong, Vice President Operations, Roger Neate, Director, Robert Wiersma, Manager Public Safety & Risk Management (items 10-13), Rob Kremer, Manager (items 14-17), Jim Palmer, Supervisor, Denis Caza, Policy Analyst Public Safety & Risk Management (items 10-13), Susy Coelin, Communications Advisor (item 10), Nameer Rahman, Policy Advisor Stakeholder Relations, Consuelo Esquivel, Council Coordinator.

Guest: Vino Kajendran, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services.

Regrets: Ron Cameron, Canadian Ski Patrol System, Alvin Weatherall, Blue Mountain Resort.

1. Constitution of Meeting

The Chair, B. Haynes, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30.

As part of the safety moment, Council viewed two safety videos on Carbon Monoxide awareness, "The Silent Killer," and "The TSSA Silent Killer Campaign Summary."

2. Adoption of October 26, 2017 agenda

Council members approved the agenda for the October 26, 2017 meeting as presented.

3. Adoption of minutes of March 23, 2017 meeting

Council members approved the minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting as drafted, as being a true and correct record of the meeting. The minutes were shared with Council beforehand.

4. Review Action Items from Last Meeting

R. Neate referred to the summary of pending action items. All outstanding items will be addressed at today's meeting.



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5. Council Chair's report

B. Haynes spoke to his Annual Report to the President and CEO. He reiterated the need for good research data to enable Council and TSSA to proactively come up with improved safety measures. The Chair noted the need for statistical information to back up our work in Ontario

6. TSSA President & CEO's Report

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

D. Scriven updated Council on the search for a president/CEO. The Board of Directors is interviewing candidates and expected to decide on the candidacy in early 2018.

He provided an update on the regulatory review initiative conducted with MGCS noting that activities in the Boilers and Pressure Vessels (BPV), Upholstered and Stuffed Articles (USA) have been completed, while activity in Operating Engineers (OE) continues. An inventory of issues identified for consideration in all sectors has been collected and is being assessed to determine which new regulations will be part of the next phase of regulatory review.

Fee reviews for the two completed regulation changes are underway.

Prior to this recent activity, D. Scriven noted that there has been no fee review since 2013. In fiscal year 2019, TSSA will be conducting a fee review of all sectors, other than BPV and USA. More information to follow on the details of this fee review at the next meeting.

7. Training and Certification Advisory Board (TCAB)

D. McLellan provided an update. TCAB recommends continuing education on safety. A Director's Order is being submitted to the Ministry for approval. Following this, public consultation will take place. After 30 days of consultation, we will launch the required continuing education.

Asked about the process for continuing education, he stated that there was flexibility in changing the criteria and cited an example of a 4-hour training which may be amended to 8 hours subject to consultation with TCAB. A communications plan will need to be drawn up by end of March 2018 because training on ski lifts needs to be completed before the end of the current year in order to be certified for the 2019 season.

8. Inspector and Mechanics Training

J. Palmer provided an update on the inspectors and mechanics training done in conjunction with the Ontario Snow Resorts Association (OSRA). He appreciated the logistical support provided by OSRA during the two-day course. It was very well received. A member suggested another session for mechanics in the spring.

9. Operator Training

J. Palmer was pleased to report that an operator training film has been produced. We are unable to show it today since the film is going through technical edits.



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10. Public Education

S. Ceolin joined the meeting for this item. Signs at ski resorts are in need of change, for example they need to be larger, more eye-catching. From a communications perspective, we need to streamline and simplify the messages. She presented the placards around the table for comparison between the current and the new improved signs.

11. Compliance reports on Ski Lifts Incidents and FY 2017 Annual State of Public Safety Report

D. Caza described the data in his presentation, which was shared with Council in advance of the meeting. D. Caza noted that there is no compliance trend.

Action: D. Caza to provide examples of top 5 Orders, as requested by Council, at the next meeting.

12. Incident Reporting – wording changes

D. McLellan said that the Ski Lifts Incident Reporting Guidelines are available on the website. He shared some ideas which Alvin Weatherall had proposed that included concepts such as “critical injury” and “competent person”. Murray Frankcom volunteered to review and offer further modifications to the document.

13. Risk Based Schedule and Enhancements

R. Wiersma spoke to his presentation which was shared with Council prior to the meeting. He made note that the Risk-based Scheduling of Inspections (RBS) was granted a patent in June 2013.

There was a question about whether RBS considers detection of failures. When inspection orders are risk assessed, detection is accounted for via intermediate events (i.e., for a failure scenario to happen, the equipment failure would need to be undetected).

14. Ministry of Government and Consumer Services’ (MGCS) updates

V. Kajendran spoke to MGCS’ update which was distributed to Council prior to the meeting. It was treated as read.

She reinforced the government’s rules for regulations in line with Canada’s new internal trade agreement, the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. The government requires all ministries in Ontario to ensure that technical regulations are not more trade restrictive than necessary.

She provided further updates on the regulatory review initiatives and the elevator availability study, which is on track for completion in December.

15. RRG Update on Aging Lift Assessments

R. Kremer gave a brief update on the Aging Lift Assessment process. He confirmed that the existing process allows for owners to propose extending the period between assessments.



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16. Industry Discussion

- The Chair talked about the new safety checklist.
- There was extensive discussion on the Code Adoption Document. Council expressed disappointment with the delayed approval. They recalled the lengthy discussions on CAD beginning in 2014 and queried why it has yet to be adopted. The potential for a newer CAD could supersede and outdate the present version Council had already threshed out. Apart from the need to comply with CAD, significant time and effort, and financial resources have already been expended.

There was also concern about a harmonized scope as Council would prefer a Code applicable in North America.

Council requests that TSSA form an action and communications plan with approval timelines.

D. Scriven acknowledged TSSA's inaction on this important matter. As Chair of NPSAC, he will inquire about the CAD process.

Action: R. Neate to provide Council with an action and communications plan for the approval of CAD as soon as possible.

- J. Ball handed out his article "Getting with the Program" for Ski Area Management, saminfo.com.

17. Question and Answer

There is a vacancy on Council for an engineer, which remains unfilled.

Action: TSSA will renew the Call for Nominations on the TSSA website.

18. In-Camera

Council met in-camera without TSSA staff and guest.

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.