



Technical Standards and Safety Authority

Minutes of the Consumers Advisory Council

Meeting on December 3, 2021

Minutes of the Consumers Advisory Council meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held by teleconference at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December 2021.

Present: G. Rae Dulmage (Chair); Ahmad Hussein; Jay Jackson; Sunaina Menezes; Ronald Morrison; Christine Simpson; Kathryn Woodcock.

Alexandra Campbell, Vice President, Communications and Stakeholder Relations; Danielle Fernandes, Advisory Council Coordinator; Kristian Kennedy, Manager, Government Relations.

Guests: Sheila Johnston, ASL Interpreter.

1. Constitution of Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The Chair welcomed S. Menezes to TSSA's Consumers Advisory Council.

a) Safety Moment

For the safety moment, Council was shown a short video from the on tips for cyber safety during the holidays.

2. Adoption of the December 3, 2021 Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of March 30th, 2021 minutes

The minutes of March 30, 2021 were approved as presented.

4. Review of Action items from last meeting

K. Kennedy spoke to this item advising that all action items have been completed. D. Fernandes added, in relation to the action item for consumer representation on the Boilers & Pressure Vessels (BPV) Advisory Council, that TSSA has now merged the BPV and Operating Engineers (OE) Advisory Council, as such R. Morrison will be the consumer representative for the joint council.

There were no questions or comments from council.

5. Chair's Update

R. Dulmage spoke to this item and treated his report, shared in advance of the meeting, as read. There was a suggestion from a council member that the issue sheet created by council should be replaced with the template provided by TSSA. There was some discussion about whether the role of the consumer has been adequately addressed. The chair noted that it has been raised, often in a pointed way with TSSA, adding that council has made a lot of progress on the matter.

6. Verbal Reports from Fall 2021 Industry Council Meetings

a. Amusement Devices Advisory Council (ADAC) - Kathryn Woodcock

K. Woodcock provided an overview of the Elevating Devices/Amusement Devices/Ski Lifts Plenary Meeting as well as the ADAC meeting. She advised that ADAC discussion centered on the effects of COVID on the industry, addressing mechanic shortages, and posting of licensed mechanics on TSSA's website. A few

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council members noted that TSSA should consider posting information of this nature as it is consumer friendly. A. Campbell acknowledged the comment and advised that contractor and mechanic directories are a potential longer-term objective as TSSA transitions to a new website.

b. Operating Engineers Advisory Council (OEAC) – Ron Morrison

R. Morrison advised council that the OE council continues to evaluate Alternate Rules, noting that standardization and resource alignment of Paths 1 and 2 were key discussion points for the OE council.

c. Ski Lift Advisory Council (SLAC) – Christine Simpson

C. Simpson provided an overview of the SLAC meeting, advising that the council, and industry more largely, is looking forward to a regular season this year. She explained that there was some discussion about the business model as well as changes to the membership matrix.

d. Propane Advisory Council (PAC) – Jay Jackson

J. Jackson spoke to this item noting that the joint meeting with other fuels councils was helpful. He advised that for this council, the fee structure, propane tank drainage requirements, and the process for registering underground tanks were raised as issues to be prioritized.

e. Natural Gas Advisory Council (NGAC) – Sunaina Menezes

S. Menezes had technical issues and was unable to provide her verbal report. D. Fernandes advised that much of the discussion at the NGAC centered around hydrogen blending and renewable natural gas. She explained that council heard a comprehensive presentation from the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) on the research that is being conducted on the matter.

f. Elevating Devices Advisory Council (EDAC) – Ahmad Hussein

A. Hussein advised that much of the discussion at the EDAC meeting centered around elevator availability, noting that the council was shown a prototype of the data collection system that will be used for reporting outages.

g. Liquid Fuels Advisory Council (LFAC) – Rae Dulmage

R. Dulmage advised that increased bio-content in fuel was the subject of discussion at the LFAC. He explained that standards in Canada are inadequate, noting that there is concern about the effect of biofuel on the existing infrastructure (tanks, piping etc.).

7. CAC Issues Prioritization Discussion

a. Health Canada recall of White-Rodgers Gen II Intellivent natural gas and propane control valves

J. Jackson spoke to this item, providing an overview of the material shared in advance of the meeting. He explained that getting the message out about this recall requires intergovernmental and interagency collaboration. K. Kennedy enumerated the number of regulators, associations and other bodies that are raising awareness about the recall. He provided council with TSSA's communication strategy for this recall and noted that there is an opportunity to do the community blitz format to raise awareness about the device. He also explained that the recall can be shared with building-oriented

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regulators and the Ontario Fire Marshal's office. He asked council if there were other communication mechanisms that would target the consumer.

There was some discussion on this, council members noted that publications in local/municipal newspapers, messaging through the Consumer Council of Canada, as well as continuing to circulate information about the recall to other relevant regulators.

Action: TSSA to explore including recall information in CO Safety community blitzes.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.