

**Ontario Fire Service Advisory Committee
(Section 21 Committee)*
FINAL MINUTES**

Meeting held in Room 207, 21 Voyager Court, Etobicoke Ontario

Commencing at noon on December 3, 2015

Present (both days):

Andy Kostiuk	O AFC – Committee Co-Chair
John Mavrinac	OPFFA – Committee Co-Chair
Rob Grimwood	O AFC
Warren McGillivary	OPFFA
Mike Vilneff	O AFC
Dan Worrall	OPFFA
Jeff Topliffe	OPFFA
Jeri Ottley	FFAO
Jonathan Karn	FFAO
Denys Prevost	O AFC
Tim Metcalfe	Public Services Health & Safety Association (Observer)
Cliff Moore	MOL

Regrets (both days):

Jeff Attwell	OFMEM
Cathy Hoffman	AMO
Mark Pankhurst	AMO

- 1. New Member from FFAO.** The committee welcomed Jonathan Karn to represent FFAO.
- 2. Minutes from September.** Were approved without changes.
- 3. Is wild parsnip a health and safety issue?**
Dan and John brought a draft hazardous plants GN. Changes were made during the meeting.
ACTION: Cliff to number the GN 3-5, format it, and have it posted on the website for further comments.
- 4. Update on the Working At Heights (WaH) Subcommittee**
John presented the draft GN. The committee decided to focus the GN primarily on non-emergency work (fire prevention, etc.).
ACTION: Cliff to revise the GN and resent to the subcommittee for comments.

5. Alternate Powered Vehicles Training & NFPA Update

Shayne Mintz presented an overview of the alternate powered vehicles training package.

ACTION: Cliff to scan the supplementary material provided and send to the committee.

Cliff to record Shayne coming to a future meeting to provide further NFPA updates.

Jeff T/Denys/Mark to review GN 6-19 (Hybrid/Electric and Electrical Vehicle Safety) for possible additions and/or changes.

6. Elliot Lake Update

Cliff provided this update:

The Ministry of Labour is currently working on responses to the three recommendations from the Elliot Lake Commission Report. Two of which were shared at the June meeting by the Provincial Coordinator. The third recommendation was for MOL Inspectors to receive more comprehensive training on issues related to structural soundness, watertightness, and building safety.

The Industrial Health and Safety Program is currently working on material that will provide guidance to first responders on the role of MOL Inspectors; as well as material that will provide guidance to MOL inspectors on the role of first responders.

Structural Awareness Training is also underway. This will further assist MOL inspectors in recognizing when they should consult with a MOL engineer if they believe there may be issues regarding the structural integrity of the building. Appropriate enforcement action will be taken in those situations.

Training is also underway with the Industrial Program Inspectors on the new Major Incident Policy and Procedure. This policy was developed to provide further guidance to inspectors as to what they should do at a major incident.

The Elliot Lake After Action Rescue and Recovery Working Group is meeting in December to discuss the material for first responders.

We hope to provide the first responder material at the first committee meeting in 2016.

ACTION: Cliff to follow up with an answer to the committee's request for an overview of the new MOL policy and procedure at the next meeting.

7. Review of O. Reg. 714/94 and the NFPA Standards Referenced

The committee reviewed the draft proposed amendments prepared by working group on Dec. 3. On Dec. 4 the committee discussed them with Yvette Shirliff, MOL Senior Policy Advisor, who will review them further.

ACTION: Cliff to provide updates as they become available at future meetings about the possibility of amending the regulation.

Cliff to ask Prevention if there is any initiative underway to define the WSIB rate groups into smaller/more defined groups.

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8. Blue LED Probes - Dan

Is being included the proposed changes to O. Reg. 714/94.

9. GN # 6-3 Water Related Emergencies (previously GN # 6-3 Water and Ice Rescue)

Deferred to next meeting.

ACTION: Cliff to send Jeff T. information from Transport Canada related to vessel usage requirements.

10. Update on the Committee Review of the Sections of the Manual

ACTION: Committee members to continue review.

ACTION: Dan to review section 4.

11. Update on Notification of Solar Panels

Tim made contact with ESA. Mike was present at a recent presentation which stated that ESA was developing a notification database.

ACTION: Mike to follow up with ESA to see if the database is live or not?

12. PSHSA Support for Elevator Training

Tim connected with PSHSA and is trying to find a contact with the proper background.

ACTION: Tim to provide update at the next meeting.

13. Draft Guidance Note on Training Providers (comparison against GN 7-1 Training Sessions)

ACTION: Jeff T to provide update at the next meeting.

Cliff to send a general GN template to the committee members to use for developing new GNs.

14. Update on GNs – Cliff

GN 4-3 Radio Frequency Awareness, GN 1-8 New Fire Apparatus & GN 1-2 Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance Program - Have been approved by MOL and posted.

GN 1-9 SCBA – Is in the MOL approval process because additional changes were made.

GN 6-37 Chemical Suicides – Is in the MOL approval process.

GN 7-6 Hazardous Fire Conditions, GN 6-6 Rapid Fire Progression, GN 3-1 Reducing Exposure to Diesel Exhaust, GN 6-36 Limiting Exposure to Fire Gases – Have been approved by the MOL Industrial Program Provincial Advisory Committee and are in the MOL approval process.

GN 5-2 Minimum Safety Considerations for Working Alone, GN 6-38 Carbon Dioxide Hazards, GN 7-7 Building Fire Service Training Centres, GN 4-9 Respiratory Protection Program – Will be taken to MOL Industrial Program Provincial Advisory Committee/MOL comments process.

15. MOL Report

Cliff gave the report.

16. Update on retirement dinner and plaques for recent retirements

Cliff informed the committee that plaques can no longer be provided to members when they leave the committee because none of the other s. 21 committees are following this practice.

ACTION: Cliff to follow up about providing the members certificates instead and check on expense protocol for previous dinners.

17. GN 4-2 Safety Glasses

ACTION: Committee members to review the new content added from comments from the MOL Provincial Hygienist for the next meeting.

18. GN 6-10 Traffic Control

Andy brought a draft GN. There was a discussion on the amount of prescriptive detail in the GN and the committee decided to remove some of the content that would be better suited for Standard Operating Guidelines.

ACTION: Rob to revise GN.

19. Artificial Smoke GN - John

Deferred to next meeting.

20. Other Business

Dan is going to draft an active shooter GN.

2016 Meeting Dates:

Thurs//Fri. Feb. 25/26

Thurs//Fri. June 16/17

Thurs//Fri. Sept. 8/9

Thurs//Fri. Dec. 1/2