

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

**Meeting held in Room 212, 21 Voyager Court, Etobicoke Ontario**

**Commencing at noon on September 16, 2015**

**Present:**

Andy Kostiuk	O AFC – Committee Co-Chair
John Mavrinac	OPFFA – Committee Co-Chair
Rob Grimwood	O AFC
Cathy Hoffman	AMO
Warren McGillivary	OPFFA
Mark Pankhurst	AMO
Mike Vilneff	O AFC
Dan Worrall	OPFFA
Jeff Topliffe	OPFFA
Tim Metcalfe	Public Services Health & Safety Association (Observer)
Karen Hanna	MOL
Cliff Moore	MOL

**Regrets:**

Jeff Attwell	OFMEM
Jim Jessop	OFMEM
Jeri Ottley	FFAO
Denys Prevost	O AFC

**1 Minutes from June 18-19, 2015 were accepted.**

**2 Is wild parsnip a health and safety issue?**

Review of the material revealed there is no mention to the effects of smoke if hazardous plants are burning. Common practise in municipalities is to refer to Parks and Recreation for known locations of hazardous plants and staff is told to avoid it.

**ACTION:** Dan and John to develop a hazardous plants GN.

**3 Update on the Working At Heights (WaH) Subcommittee – John**

Changes were made to the Draft GN focusing the wording around considerations to complete the WaH training and capturing the uniqueness of the fire sector.

**ACTION:** Cliff to revise the GN further so the working group can review a clean copy.

#### 4 Proceeding through MOL approval:

- GN #1-2 Vehicle Inspections & Maintenance Program
- GN #1-8 Safety Considerations for New Fire Apparatus
- GN #3-4 Radiofrequency (RF) Awareness
- GN #1-9 SCBA Air Cylinder Handling

GN 1-8 has been approved.

**ACTION:** Cliff to follow up on status of the remaining GNs.

#### 5 **GN # 6-3 Water Related Emergencies (previously GN # 6-3 Water and Ice Rescue) -** Report on comments by Mike

Discussion around the use of PFDs vs. survival suits.

**ACTION:** Mike and Jeff Attwell to revise.

#### 6 **The following Guidance Notes are currently out for comment and will be discussed at the September meeting:**

- GN #5-2 Minimum Safety Considerations for Working Alone
- GN #6-38 Carbon Dioxide Hazards
- GN #7-7 Building Fire Service Training Centres

Comments received on GN 5-2 were discussed. No changes were made to any of the GNs.

**ACTION:** Cliff to e-mail comments on GN 5-2 to Andy and put these GNs in the MOL comments process.

#### 7 **Confirmation Section 3 of the Manual revised**

See below in update to missing guidance notes for reference to GN 3-1.

#### 8 **Confirmation on Update of Appendix D of the Manual**

Nothing outstanding.

#### 9 **Confirmation that Revisions made to GN # 7-5 Live Fire Training Considerations for Acquired Structures**

GN 7-5 has been published and posted on the OAFC website.

#### 10 **Update on the Committee Review of the Sections of the Manual**

**ACTION:** Committee members to continue review.

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

There was discussion that fire data is not isolated in the WSIB rate group, and slips trips and falls are the most common accidents.

A working group was established consisting of Denys, Jeff Topliffe, Cathy, and Warren.

**ACTION:** Working group bring identified sections of 714/94 that need to be updated to the next meeting.

Cliff to arrange for Policy representative(s) to come to the next meeting.

## 12 Update on Notification of Solar Panels

**ACTION:** Tim to advise on discussions with ESA at the next meeting.

## 13 Update on Missing Guidance Notes

- GN # 7-6 Hazardous Fire Conditions and GN #6-6 Rapid Fire Progression – The committee is fine with the status and there is an urgency on GN 7-6.  
**ACTION:** Cliff to put into the the MOL comments process.
- GN # 3-1 Reducing Exposure to Diesel Exhaust - The committee is fine with the status.  
**ACTION:** Cliff to put into the the MOL comments process.
- GN #4-2 Eye Protection  
**ACTION:** Cliff to send to the committee for review.
- GN # 4-9 Respiratory Protection Program – Changes made at the meeting.  
**ACTION:** Cliff to put into the the MOL comments process.
- GN #6-10 Highway Traffic Control - A review revealed that this note is now quite dated and needs significant work.  
**ACTION:** Cliff to send to Andy.
- GN # 6-36 Limiting Exposure to Fire Gases – The committee is fine with the status.  
**ACTION:** Cliff to put into the the MOL comments process.
- GN # 6-37 Chemical Suicides – Changes made during meeting.  
**ACTION:** Cliff to put into the the MOL approval process.
- GN #6-2 Firefighting Near Water – On hold but committee members asked to check for most recent version of missing copy.
- Fire Prevention – this became GN #5-2 Minimum Safety Considerations for Working Alone, which is currently going in the MOL comments process.

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#### 14 **Elliot Lake Update** – Cliff

Consultation has been completed for fire and police but not yet EMS (because of meeting schedules).

**ACTION:** Cliff to provide further status at next meeting and update Co-Chairs electronically if there are any significant developments prior to the meeting.

#### 15 **PSHSA Support for Elevator Training**

**ACTION:** Tim to provide update at next meeting.

#### 16 **Draft Guidance Note on Training Providers** - Review and discuss at the next meeting.

#### 17 **MOL Report**- Cliff provided the report.

#### 18 **Update on retirement dinner and plaques for recent retirements**

**ACTION:** Cliff to provide update at next meeting.

#### 19 **Transport of fuel on a fire truck - premixed two stroke gas/oil containers, etc.**

The Material Safety Data Sheet identified this mixture as a Class 3 dangerous goods classification. Discussion around initial scan did not produce a regulatory reference to the type of containers that must be used for transport. A member contacted MTO during the meeting and was told the only regulatory requirement under the HTA was that the containers be secured. The Committee decided that a GN was not required.

## **20 Other Business**

John asked for assistance with the Artificial Smoke GN. Mark and Cathy agreed to assist.

Dan raised the issue of rear mounted blue LED probes and is waiting on some correspondence from MTO.

**ACTION:** Dan to bring to next meeting.

Next Meeting:

**December 3-4, 2015**