



Saskatchewan Committee Meeting

**Thursday May 30, 2019
8:00 am – 10:30 am (Local)**

**Ramada Hotel
806 Idylwyld Drive N.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

Members:

Scott Morris, Federated Co-op (Chair)
Adam Loroff, Bluewave Energy
Chad Roach, Lloydminster Co-op
Rob Brockman, Heritage Propane
Kevin McEown, Federated Co-op
Ken Fotty, Superior Propane
Lance Hartman, Maxquip
Gerald Heimbecker, CanGas
Drayten Zolinski, Bluewave Energy
Jim Krepps, Parkland Fuel Corp.
Don Bonnail, Lloydminster Co-op

Guests:

Tim Keck, SaskPower Gas Inspection

Canadian Propane Association:

Darren Cunningham, Regional Director Western Canada

SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and CPA Competition Law Compliance Statement

- Chair welcome all to the meeting, and discussed the CPA Member Compliance Statement.

3. Introduction of Guests – Tim Keck, SaskPower Gas Inspections

- Tim Keck discussed the merging of SaskPower Gas Inspections into the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan (T-Sask) stating that all seems to be a smooth transition and expects it to be so for clients.
- The legislation to invoke the transition is drafted and all parties have agreed to it.

- Project Manager Stuart Holtby has been appointed to over see an orderly transition.
- There should be some streamlining of regulations being with T-Sask as a government body, and in tying in with the Gas Inspection Regulations; as SaskPower was required to go through the legislature when changes needed.
- Clients should see this transition as business as usual.
- Members asked if permitting will be in one place? – Not confirmed at this time; and if the merged entity will be better? – It should hopefully.
- Keck added one last point; that when Oil Inspections moved to T-Sask there were some hiccups, and that the lessons learned in that exercise are being heard in this current transition.

4. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** To approve the agenda for the May 30, 2019 meeting.
- **Moved:** Adam Loroff **Seconded:** Lance Hartman
Motion Carried

5. Review and Approval of the Summary from the March 13, 2019 meeting.

- **Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting.
- **Moved:** Lance Hartman **Seconded:** Ken Fotty
Motion Carried

6. Business Arising from the Summary of the March 13, 2019 meeting.

- No business arising from the summary.

7. Chair Report – Scott Morris

- Saskatchewan had the federal carbon tax applied April 1, 2019; the Chair outlined the efforts of CPA to lobby the federal departments of Finance and Environment to secure exemptions for the agriculture sector.
- The Chair discussed news that the British Columbia Institute of Technology will no longer be accepting non-B.C. residents into their gas fitters' course; making the need for a course in Saskatchewan that much more important.
- The Chair stated that the Ministry of Government Relations efforts on the recognition of gas fitter as a trade are progressing and that Saskatchewan Apprenticeship has stated that an ask for an appropriate gas fitter course must come from the industry. All agree that the recognition piece must be completed as a first step.
- Final point by the Chair was to note for all in attendance that June 1st was the expiry of the five-year PRV inspection plan in the province that all PRVs inspected in 2019 must be changed by 2024.

8. CPA Report – Darren Cunningham, CPA Regional Director, West

- CPA Regional Director Darren Cunningham announced new staff to CPA – Joannie Bouchard in communications, and Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Safety, Rebecca Keeler.
- CPA Regional Director Darren Cunningham started a very good discussion on the lessons learned through the implementation of the Federal Carbon Tax;
- Cunningham described to the group that CPA has written letters, gathered stakeholder support, and has met with the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change and Finance to lobby for an exemption for propane for agriculture and remote / rural home heating.
- The Regional Director discussed the level of Transport Canada’s concern with tanks on skids potentially being transported; following up on an earlier discussion at the Saskatchewan Committee.
- CPA outlined the recent Environmental Emergency Regulations and E2 plans that come into effect August 2019 with an information bulletin from ERAC added to the meeting package
- The Regional Director’s report concluded with the changes made to the annual CPA scholarship award; encouraging all that could be interested to apply.

9. National Committee Reports - The committee was advised of the upcoming Auto Propane, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Committee calls.

- **Auto Propane Committee** – Update on the April 4th meeting; with the next meeting scheduled on June 6, 2019; for information on the Auto Propane Committee call contact Darren Cunningham.
 - To join the Auto Propane Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .
- **Regulatory Affairs Committee** – No update, next Regulatory Affairs Committee call is scheduled for June 27, 2019.
 - To join the Regulatory Affairs Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .
- **Transportation** – No update, next Transportation Committee call is scheduled for June 26, 2019.
 - To join the Transportation Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .

10. Saskatchewan Regulatory Updates

- Kevin McEown advised the Committee of the TDG changes that come into effect on June 1st;
- McEown also advised on the implementation of E2 plans to meet with new Environmental Emergency Regulations come into effect August 24, 2019.

11. Learning and Development/PTI Update

- Darren Cunningham updated the Committee on developments at PTI; that courses continue to be updated, and that some of the new staff will have PTI responsibilities.

- The Committee discussed the need for an online curriculum, stating that competitors have easy to access and complete courses for propane training; with certificates arriving in 2-3 days.

12. Saskatchewan Committee Report

- Results of the election of Saskatchewan Committee officers: Scott Morris – Chair, Adam Loroff - Vice Chair (Industry), Lance Hartman – Vice Chair (Non-Industry), Dana Koch – Treasurer, Ken Fotty – Transportation Committee Representative, Kevin McEown – Regulatory Affairs Representative. Auto Propane Committee still needs a Saskatchewan representative.
- No Treasurer report at this meeting; Chair stated that membership renewals continue to come in.
- The Committee decided that the donation from the 2019 Golf Tournament will be made to Ride for Dad; if there are suggestions for next year's donation contact Mike Siebel.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

- September 18, 2019 in Davidson, Saskatchewan

13. New Business

- No new business presented to the committee.

14. Meeting Adjourned – 9:55 am