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## MANITOBA COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

1:00 pm (CST)

Viscount Gort Hotel

Winnipeg, Manitoba

### Members:

Glen Scrivener, C&T Rentals (Chair)

Dave Neufeld, MaxQuip

Brent Cohoe, Federated Co-op Ltd.

Ken Fotty, Superior Propane

Tom Cheret

Neil Atkins, Stittco Energy

Rheal Gousseau, Dependable Propane

Blair Overby, Federated Co-op Ltd.

### Canadian Propane Association:

Marcelline Riddell, Regional Director – Ontario (for Western Director)

## SUMMARY

**Call to Order** (Chair) 1:04 pm

1. **Welcome and CPA Member Compliance Statement** (Chair) – The Chair welcomed all to the February Manitoba Propane Committee Meeting. The CPA Member Compliance Statement; acknowledged by all in attendance.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – moved by Blair Overby; seconded by Ken Fotty

3. **Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2019 Meeting**

**Motion:** *To approve the minutes from the December 12th meeting.*

- **Moved:** Dave Neufeld **Seconded:** Rheal Gousseau  
Carried

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

- Follow up on issue of apprenticeship courses at Red River College being delivered in winter months to change to April to June period. CPA sent a letter to Apprenticeship Manitoba; and will follow-up with the Red River College Registrar.
- Follow-up on issue of excess flow hoses (Ken Fotty); CPA described the steps to change the B149.2 code and that CPA Regulatory Affairs is looking into this concern as it was raised at the

Saskatchewan Committee as well. CPA to update members on current status of issue through recently appointed VP, Regulatory Affairs & Safety, Rob Loenhardt.

Rheal Gousseau asked about a meeting organized by the Saskatchewan Committee with Transport Canada and the provincial regulators on the tanks on trailers directive. CPA outlined meeting highlights, but notes that Transport Canada is reviewing the minutes before any next steps are undertaken. Marcelline Riddell to follow up with CPA regulatory affairs staff and provide a status update.

### **Business Arising from the Summary**

Number of inspectors in province down to 2 from 3 as one just left to return to family in Ontario. Poses challenge for industry resulting in work arounds being utilized whereby pictures of installations are sent to inspectors for visual off-site approval and/or follow-up. Other inspectors are on construction sites conducting inspections may be causing some problems not OFC officials.

### **5. Chair's Report**

- Issue with province and number of fire services due to recent fires, speculation of arson as cause.
- Gas fitter course schedule is not good for industry. Needs to begin in March after winter heating season is completed. *CPA to follow-up with Registrar as noted above.*
- PRVs - fire commissioners' activity or lack of activity has gone better because key staff helped. Reticent to say things are better because they have been quiet.
- Two primary issues are barricades and dryer venting. Have to put barricades up on construction and agricultural installations. Chair indicates specifications are in the 2020 code book.
  - Barkman barricades – airport and HTA are not as rigorous specifications as currently in effect for propane applications. OFC were told that they are asking for something that doesn't exist. OFC is dumbfounded. Chair and industry as a whole are unsure as to how barricade standards were developed. Believes new code will revert to the former code. Another example of unlevel playing field. Cost of new barricades is approximately \$380/piece versus \$50/piece for Lego blocks, which are sturdier. Propane sector requested specifications and examples of barricades used on provincial highways but suppliers would provide this information, said it is proprietary.
  - Dryer venting issues – will pursue after April.

### **6. CPA Report**

- Regional Director Marcelline Riddell CPA updated the committee:
  - Rail blockades and CPA activities and position to date.
  - Enbridge Pipeline #5
  - Federal carbon tax
  - Clean Fuel Standard

### **7. Learning & Development** – Marcelline Riddell updated the Committee on:

- An update on the efforts at PTI – renewed courses, printing on demand online ordering; course prerequisites and prequalification, and the letter that went to OFC on online tools, and certificates.
- Members would prefer to access most training material online and reduce print materials entirely. Their experience is that good quality online training courses result in better learning outcomes. Group agreed that training course taking is the beginning of training cycle rather than the end of it.

#### 8. National Committee Reports

- **Regulatory Affairs Committee** – Updated the Committee on the November 25th Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting. Discussion of CPA activity on E2 inspection requirements.
- **Transportation** – Updated the Committee on the November 28th Transportation Committee meeting.
- **Auto Propane Committee** – Updated members on the December 3rd Auto Propane Committee meeting.

#### 9. Manitoba Committee Business

- Dave Neufeld delivered the Treasurer's report and status of current MPC memberships. Discussion on managing current unpaid memberships. Group agreed to a 90-day grace period and to cut off memberships due to unpaid fees effective May 1. Reinstatement upon payment. Unanimous agreement of new policy.
- Discussion of illness due to cancer of long-standing MPC and propane industry executive, Gerry Jones (Metro Propane). MPC sent him a fruit arrangement and asked for CPA to recognize his contribution to the sector in some way. *CPA to follow-up as appropriate given Mr. Jones' request for privacy.*
- Apprenticeships – update on status of Manitoba Construction Industry and Red River College courses.

10. **New / Other Business** – No new business.

#### 11. Next Meeting Date(s)

- 2020 MPC meeting dates – April 8<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Viscount Gort in Winnipeg
- 2020 Golf Tournament – June 10<sup>th</sup> in Hecla, Manitoba. Revised due to conflict with Ontario Seminar on same dates. Will now occur the following week, June 17-18, 2020.

12. **Meeting Adjourned** – 3:00 pm