



MANITOBA COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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:

Darren Cunningham, Regional Director – West

SUMMARY

Call to Order (Chair) 1:04 pm

1. **Welcome and CPA Member Compliance Statement** (Chair) – The Chair welcomed all to the October 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 October 9th Meeting**

Motion: *To approve the minutes from the October 9th meeting.*

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

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

- Discussion on letter requested to be sent to Apprenticeship Manitoba (Neil Atkins) on courses at Red River College being delivered in winter months to change to April to June period – CPA has sent a letter to Apprenticeship Manitoba; and has agreed to send another letter to the Registrar at Red River College.

- Discussion on 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.
- Rheel 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 the meeting, but cited that Transport Canada is reviewing the minutes before any next steps could be undertaken.
- E2 plans were discussed as they present significant customer responsibility and potential costs; “this is a huge deal for the propane industry”
- CPA discussed the efforts to date to obtain some clarity on the new regulations from Environment Canada; meetings are happening in Ottawa, and that the CPA agrees with the assessment that the new regulations present challenges for the industry. Members expressed that we need definition around remote shut off and suggest that CPA do a survey on the impacts of the new E2 regulations.

ECCC provides the following clarifications:

- *ECCC has clarified reporting and E2 plan threshold requirements. If your total quantity onsite is above 4.5 tonnes then you must report the volumes to ECCC using Schedule 2, even if the container systems are remotely segregated. If your largest container system is above 4.5 tonnes, then you must prepare an E2 plan.*
- *The definition of the container system specifies any receptacle or network of receptacles that is used to contain a substance—including any connecting pipelines or piping—except any part of that network that is automatically or remotely segregated from the rest of the network by shut-off valves, or other mechanisms, in the event of an environmental emergency. ECCC has clarified that segregation must not be through manual valves, however, they have not specified a valve or technology required.*
- *Public notification is required for members of the public that may be affected by the emergency. This could include, but not limited to, community associations, public safety authorities (i.e., firefighters and police) and local residents.*

5. Chair Report

- Chair discussed that winter weather upon Manitoba, that harvest season was very busy and we are now into construction heating season.
- The Chair told the group that the MPC – OFC working group had not been able to meeting before this meeting due to scheduling, that CPA is trying to secure next date(s).
- The Chair asked the room if they have had much interaction with OFC this fall; the room generally agreed that for both the construction heater and grain dryer sides of their businesses that OFC has been ok to deal with.
- Question was asked if anyone was seeing an increased level of inspection on diesel heaters; the consensus was that it was no longer “plug and play” for diesel heaters any longer
- The MPC suggested that WorkSafe Manitoba be involved with on site inspections; not just the OFC inspectors.

6. CPA Report

- Regional Director Darren Cunningham discussed the process OFC (starting from the issue with PTI 400-01) is taking toward accreditation and eventual licensing they see around training courses; he has followed up with Cheryl Lashek at OFC who has generally agreed that she likes the PTI courses but would like a licensing mechanism in place.
- In order for licensing to happen OFC requires a change in some regulations and they were in the process of doing that.
- CPA updated the committee:
- on the CN Rail strike and CPA's efforts to ensure propane was supplied across Canada as an essential load from this point on;
- the fall harvest and how our Manitoba companies made out with increased demand and the rail strike – generally well as there was more supply that could be trucked into Manitoba;
- CPA also updated the committee on outreach to KAP and other agricultural associations over the fall and the work at the federal level to make decision makers understand the vital need for propane for grain drying in wet harvest seasons;
- an update on the national CRN number, that we appreciate Manitoba being so forthcoming by ratifying the agreement and that we are still waiting on Alberta;
- a short update on the Standards Council meeting on interprovincial labour mobility for gas fitters.

7. Learning & Development – Darren Cunningham updated the Committee on:

- Announcement of Greg Britton as the new Director for PTI; outline of his prior experience that should bring a wealth of knowledge to our training programs.
- 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;

8. National Committee Reports

- **Regulatory Affairs Committee** – Updated the Committee on the November 25th Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting.
 - To join the Regulatory Affairs Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .
- **Transportation** – Updated the Committee on the November 28th Transportation Committee meeting.
 - To join the Transportation Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .
- **Auto Propane Committee** – Updated members on the December 3rd Auto Propane Committee meeting.
 - To join the Auto Propane Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .

9. Manitoba Committee Business

- Dave Neufeld delivered the Treasurer's report and status of current MPC memberships
- Members discussed the annual Christmas donation to charity.

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

11. Next Meeting Date(s)

- 2020 MPC meeting dates – February 12, April 8th, and October 14th at the Viscount Gort in Winnipeg
- 2020 Golf Tournament – June 10th in Hecla, Manitoba

12. **Meeting Adjourned** – 2:30 pm