



Saskatchewan Committee Meeting

**Thursday September 18, 2019
10:00 am (Local)**

**Davidson Town Hall
206 Washington Avenue
Davidson, Saskatchewan**

Members:

Scott Morris, Federated Co-op (Chair)
Adam Loroff, Bluewave Energy
Gerald Heimbecker, CanGas
Ashlee Thomasgard, Wheelers Transport
Robin Wessel, MaxQuip
Mike Ede, Superior Propane
Mike Siebel, NEE

Guests:

Tim Keck, SaskPower Gas Inspection
Doug Hird, SaskPower Gas Inspections
Gary Gehring, Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations

Canadian Propane Association:

Allan Murphy, V.P. Government Relations
Darren Cunningham, Regional Director Western Canada

SUMMARY

1. Call to Order – 10:02

2. Welcome and CPA Competition Law Compliance Statement

- Chair welcomed members to the meeting; the CPA Member Compliance Statement was acknowledged by all.

3. Introduction of Guests

- Tim Keck and Doug Hird from SaskPower Gas inspections discussed the shortage of grain dryers in the midst of a wet harvest has had farmers utilizing used/older grain dryers with no permits and not connected by gas fitters to dry crops.

- The process with a first activation of a grain dryer was discussed and SaskPower passed out their information bulletin entitled “Six things to determine or obtain when purchasing and installing a gas fired Grain Dryer” (to be attached to minutes).
- SaskPower will be having a travelling town hall on changes in the codes that pertain to propane; will invite Saskatchewan CPA members.
- SaskPower briefly talked about 1lb refillable propane cylinders and the composite propane cylinders available in some stores and on line – Doug Hird mentioned that IGAC has the ability to have illegal product taken off markets and that if members see illegal refillable cylinders, they could report them to him.
- SaskPower handed out a copy of a letter recently sent to all identified propane companies in the province stating that from September 16, 2019 forward that if the name of the licensed gas contractor and permit number are not in place for a gas installation beyond the second stage regulator then the propane tank cannot be activated. (letter attached to minutes).
- Gary Gehring discussed the process of getting new regulations to recognize gas fitting as a trade; that the regs have passed through the Red Tape Committee to the Legislature; he does not see any reason that they will not be passed.
- Gehring also touched on the CRN process happening through PTAC on track to be in place for January 1, 2020; but also, that some provinces are closely watching the regulations before fully committing.
- Gehring also brought up the Standards Council initiative on labour mobility for the gas fitter trade.

4. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** To approve the agenda for the September 18, 2019 meeting.
- **Moved:** Adam Loroff **Seconded:** Mike Siebel
Motion Carried

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

- **Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes from the May 30, 2019 meeting with one minor amendment.
- **Moved:** Adam Loroff **Seconded:** Gerald Heimbecker
Motion Carried

6. Business Arising from the Summary of the May 30, 2019 meeting.

- No business arising from the summary.

7. Chair Report – Scott Morris

- The Chair started his report by conveying a recent incident that he had to send along to Measurement Canada when there was a suspected delivery by a non-member company of unmetered propane to a customer. That if any member sees or suspects a similar incident to send him an email and it can be passed along anonymously.
- Over harvest season members are seeing tanks on trailers; with some members stating that they have been asked and have refused to fill a stationary designed tank mounted on a trailer this fall and since the directive from Transport Canada.
- Committee discusses the fact that there are 2-3 unlicensed propane companies making deliveries without permits and some from outside of the province.
- It is widely suspected that these tanks are still being filled; committee wants to know what is the enforcement, and where the jurisdiction lines are.
- The Committee suggests a joint regulator meeting with T-SASK, SaskPower Gas Inspections, Ministry of Government Relations, CPA and Transport Canada.
- The Chair finished his report with the advice to ensure that CPA members report any and all propane leaks to the local SaskPower Gas inspector.

8. CPA Report

- Regional Director Darren Cunningham introduced Allan Murphy V.P. Government Relations to discuss the Propane Advantage initiative for Saskatchewan propane companies to reach out to their local candidates to educate about propane during the Federal Election.
- Murphy also described the Propane Advantage video for use by our member companies to use on their social media; and that the CPA has sent a propane survey to all of the federal party leaders.
- The Committee suggested that CPA push the Saskatchewan government in this upcoming year leading up to the 2020 election on things like the elimination of the road tax; encouraging propane conversions; and a proper gas fitters' course
- Cunningham updated the committee:
- That the World LPG Association and CPA are promoting another auto propane awareness day – Auto Propane Day on September 27th
- On the provincial red tape reduction processes like we see in Saskatchewan with the recognition of gas fitter trade;
- The new safety section on propane.ca and the Reliable Propane branding program and how to access;
- The electronic shipping documents pilot program from Transport Canada;
- An update on direct fired vaporizers; that a docket had been submitted to the B149 Committee and has been accepted, will recognize the UL standard in Canada;
- A discussion on the status of the Saskatchewan harvest and the extensive use of grain drying this season. To date there has been no talk of a product shortage amid some rumours to the contrary; new grain dryers are now sold out through 2020; the late spring start has compounded the disadvantage of a wet fall.

- On CPA's efforts with the Standards Council research interprovincial labour mobility for gas fitters leading to a discussion on the different sets of credentials, and terminologies; and that Alberta and B.C. domestic certifications will be accepted in Saskatchewan.

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

- **Regulatory Affairs Committee** – Next meeting is the October 3rd Regulatory Affairs Committee.
 - To join the Regulatory Affairs Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .
- **Transportation** – Next meeting is the October 2nd Transportation Committee.
 - To join the Transportation Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .
- **Auto Propane Committee** – Next meeting is the September 19th Auto Propane Committee.
 - To join the Auto Propane Committee email darrencunningham@propane.ca .

10. Saskatchewan Regulatory Updates

- Provincial regulators report above.
- As of August 24, 2019, E2 plans are now required by Environment and Climate Change Canada on any facilities with more than 4.5 tonnes of propane on site. CPA handed out a package on the Environmental Emergency Regulations.

11. Learning and Development/PTI Update

- Darren Cunningham updated the Committee on developments at PTI: updated and renewed courses, printing on demand, online ordering; new course prerequisites and prequalification, and new online tools, and printable certificates;
- The Chair shared with the room that he had recently ordered the PTI 300-01 course to train an employee. When they got to the test, none of the answers lined up with the answer key; after calling Sophie it was determined that the version of the course had changed, in the 2 weeks since order. A new answer key was sent and that ended the situation other than the feelings of frustration.
- Committee suggests sending an answer key with each order; that way if a version change has occurred both the course and answer key are current.
- The Committee is well aware of the course offerings of the competition and discussed the need for an online curriculum, and a quicker turnaround on certificates.

12. Saskatchewan Committee Report

- No Treasurer report at this meeting.
- The Committee discussed their annual Christmas donation.

- **Motion:** To donate \$1500 to STARS as the annual Christmas donation.
- **Moved:** Adam Loroff **Seconded:** Mike Siebel
Motion Carried

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

- December (potentially December 11) or early January in Regina, Saskatchewan

13. New Business

- No new business presented to the committee.

14. Meeting Adjourned – 12:00pm