



*Ontario Committee Meeting
September 12, 2019*

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Thursday, September 12, 2019

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Holiday Inn

Barrie, Ontario

Members

Alex Beatty, Beatty Petroleum Consulting Inc.
Jim Bellwood, Highlands Propane
Andy Bite, Slegers Engineered Products Inc.
Jacco Bos, Budget Propane
James Callow, Budget Propane
James Carlsson, Superior Propane
Ian D’Cruz, Superior Propane
Ken Gillis, Superior Propane
Edwin Goldstein, Mighty Flame Canada Inc.
Steve Hilderley, MEI
Brad Johnston, Maxquip
Mike Kennedy, FSN Training
Roy Kitchen, Free Gas Company
Wendall King, Diversco
Guy Marchand, P38 Inc.
Mike Martin, Mighty Flame Canada Inc.
Sam Mazzotta, Superior Propane
Ron McCulloch, UPI
Debbie Millington, Superior Propane
Bruce Moore, Moore Propane
Mike Mullins, Superior Propane
George Olah, GAOCS
Jack Patriarche, MID:COM
Dennis Stewart, Dowler Karn
Dana Wells, UPI Energy
Dennis Westbrook, Maxquip
Robert Wilson, Stirling Engineering
Jerry Wrice, Superior Propane

CPA Staff

Nathalie St-Pierre – President and CEO
Allan Murphy – VP, Government Relations
Marcelline Riddell – Director, Government Relations

Executive

Chair, Greg Thibodeau, Pembina Pipeline Corp.
Vice-Chair, Daryl Patjas, Maxquip

SUMMARY

Call to Order (M. Riddell) 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Meeting Guidelines - Marcelline Riddell

CPA Competition Law Compliance Statement accepted. No questions.

2. Introduction and Remarks – Committee Chair, Greg Thibodeau and Vice Chair, Daryl Patjas

The Chair and Vice Chair welcomed members. Committee Chair Greg Thibodeau stressed that the work and progress of the committee will be reflective of all members' input. He would like to see an engaged membership that advances files for the benefit of the entire propane industry in the province.

3. CPA Update – Nathalie St-Pierre

Nathalie St-Pierre provided an update on outcomes of the September 30, CPA Board of Directors meeting including approval of development of a plan for a national small cylinder propane recycling program.

She outlined program elements currently envisioned including a focus on small, non-refillable cylinders to be run by CPA itself or a potential subsidiary of CPA. Funding for this program is hoped to come from small cylinder manufacturers. CPA will propose a plan to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks later this year. The goal is to have a developed plan for the Minister's approval by February 2020.

It was noted that the CPA should engage with other non-for-profit entities that run similar programs.

4. Regulatory Affairs Update - Rebecca Keeler

Rebecca Keeler updated members on the status of current regulatory affairs files. She said the member survey on red tape reduction would be left open for another month to garner more member feedback.

The CRN harmonization number will be effective as of January 2020. This means that with registration in one province, other provincial registrations will be conducted more quickly and easily. The PRV study to determine if valves can go beyond the 10-year current timeframe is ongoing. The CPA has submitted a docket to accept the current standard for vaporizers.

Transport Canada is conducting a pilot project to test e-shipping documents and equivalency certificates with a goal to move to e-shipping in the next three years. Rebecca will report back on a member question regarding multiple destinations for these documents.

Robert Wilson asked Rebecca to look into the issue of Transport Canada inspections of propane facilities that are already under the purview of TSSA RSMPs in Ontario.

Greg Thibodeau asked whether Rebecca could report on there was any progress on loading rail cars with butane. Rebecca said Transport Canada was receptive to the proposal.

5. Federal Government Relations Update - Allan Murphy

Allan Murphy offered his insight into the upcoming federal election on October 21, 2019, and CPA activities to inform candidates about the advantages of propane. Allan Murphy also indicated that he and CPA's Indigenous Advisor, Robert Lavigne, would be looking into the possibility of program funding that could provide training for Indigenous persons in the propane sector.

A member asked about what the CPA is doing regarding the proliferation of CNG and LNG projects in the province. Allan Murphy responded that the CPA and members need to continue to make the case in Ontario that government subsidies of one fuel over another is unfair and that propane should be afforded similar treatment.

The group discussed the benefits of reaching out to provincial representatives to continue to advocate for propane. Nathalie St-Pierre pointed out that the propane sector's strength lies in the community connections and contributions which can be leveraged for political action.

Allan Murphy unveiled "The Propane Advantage" document which will be used as a tool to educate federal election candidates on the sector's importance to the economy and environment. He also informed the group that the CPA will deliver a "Candidates Guide to the Propane Advantage" and will be sending questionnaires to candidates for their feedback on their support for propane. He stressed that regardless of the federal election outcome, the benefits of propane will have reached many candidates who will be members and ministers and will set the stage for future discussions.

Alex Beatty asked about taking advantage of indigenous grants programs to address propane sector skills shortages. Allan Murphy said Robert Lavigne is looking into using existing programs to fund training for indigenous persons in the propane sector.

A member raised the issue of dedicated propane education and research funding in Canada, modelled on the U.S. PERC example. Nathalie St-Pierre indicated that the CPA is investigating opportunities for such dedicated funds through the Board approved strategic plan. Allan Murphy noted that PERC is funded via an Act of Congress in the U.S.

6. Ontario Government Relations Update – Marcelline Riddell

Marcelline Riddell provided an update on key files for propane in the province.

1. TSSA modernization – Participated in an invitation-only round table discussion with the new Minister of Government and Consumer Services, The Honourable Lisa Thompson, in May. CPA raised the issues of burdensome red tape, duplicative, inconsistent and punitive inspections and fees by TSSA. To be followed by individual meetings with both the Minister and TSSA President and CEO,

Bonnie Rose, in the coming months. Marcelline is now a member of both PAC and RRG, so will be able to be current on, and inform members of, new developments.

2. MTO seasonal load restrictions – CPA Board Chair, Dan Kelly, Jacco Bos and Marcelline Riddell had a productive meeting with MTO in June 2019. Jacco Bos presented a mitigation option to address the stalemate in seasonal load restrictions; raising the per axle load weight to 6,700kg for tandem trucks. MTO considers this a viable option and will be including it in recommendations to the Minister this fall. Marcelline will circulate a template letter endorsing this proposal for members to engage with their local representatives.
3. Stewardship Ontario's Municipal and Hazardous Waste Program Wind Up Plan – CPA continues to provide input into the industry's preferred approach to this program windup while developing an industry-led stand-alone program.

7. Open Discussion

Daryl Patjas asked if there was any interest in re-opening the issue of a gas check system. Particularly removing distributor responsibility for anything that happens downstream from the propane tank. James Callow said the TSSA is looking at it. Discussion about other provinces having the same issue resulted in Nathalie St-Pierre indicating CPA would work on language and policy direction and conduct policy work on benchmarking against other jurisdictions. She suggested it might be preferable look into it from a legal perspective across Canada rather than approach it from a provincial perspective.

The group also discussed the Department of Weights and Measures inspections of small propane installations in condos in Québec and Ontario. Nathalie St-Pierre indicated Rebecca Keeler is assessing an approach to dealing with the Department of Weights and Measures before proceeding. James Callow also raised the issue of receiving three TSSA orders for one incident. Marcelline Riddell will raise with the TSSA as a potential pitfall in move to risk-based inspections.

8. CPA Marketing Tools and Web Improvements – Tammy Hirsch

Tammy Hirsch provided the group with an overview of the marketing tools and website improvements CPA now has available to members. She outlined the tools in advance of AutoGas/Propane Day on September 27, 2019. She unveiled a new teardrop flag, reviewed the Reliable Propane Statement and played the New Brunswick government's propane school bus video for the group.

9. Other Business

The group discussed the merits of pursuing a two-year exemption for mass flow meters, training and certification of propane trainers, gas fitter training, certification training and harmonization and training funding.

10. Upcoming Events

The Chair informed the group that the 2020 Ontario Seminar will be held to be held in London, Ontario in June.

The group also agreed that the next meeting of this committee will take place in April 2020 in Peterborough, Ontario.

11. Meeting adjourned – 2 p.m.

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