

**Ontario Fire Service Advisory Committee  
Section 21 Committee  
MINUTES  
February 27-28, 2020**

Meeting held at 5110 Creekbank Rd, Mississauga, ON L4W 0A1  
Commencing at noon on February 27, 2020

**Present:**

Rob Grimwood	O AFC - Committee Co-Chair
Mike Vilneff	O AFC
John Mavrinac	OPFFA – Committee Co-Chair
Tim Sparks	OPFFA
Dan Worrall	OPFFA
Doug Kellam	FFAO            February 27, 2020
Mark Pankhurst	AMO
Guy Degangé	Office of the Fire Marshal – Ontario Fire College
Juanita Martin	MLTSD
Ron Landry	MLTSD
Timothy Metcalfe	Public Services Health & Safety Association (Facilitator)
Tanya Morose	Public Services Health & Safety Association
Peter McBride	Public Services Health & Safety Association

**Regrets:**

Vic Dillabaugh	OPFFA
Doug Kellam	FFAO            February 28, 2020
Cathy Hoffman	AMO

**1. Review of Minutes**

Minutes from the December 12-13, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Action:** Will be posted on O AFC website.

**2. Introductions**

John Mavrinac introduced Tim Sparks as the new OPFFA representative and offered his thanks for the conscientious service of Geoff Boisseau (OPFFA) who resigned from the committee.

Introductions of all in attendance.

### 3. Office of the Fire Marshal – Ontario Fire College (Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal Guy Degagné)

Rob Grimwood welcomed Guy and thanked the Fire Marshal for his commitment to link the OFC to the Section 21 Committee through Guy's presence.

Guy addressed the committee through a relation of the organizational structure of the OFMEM as having two branches OFM & EM. Guy as one of three Asst. Deputy Fire Marshals is the Principal of the Fire College and now has Academic Standards & Evaluation reporting to Guy (Training & Certification).

Guy gave an update on college activities.

- Facilities: dormitories renovations and the restricted room capacity during this process.
- Academics: the college is to be recredited this year by IFSAC and ProBoard. Programs are currently delivered through 18 regional training centres and the college needs to have more established to reach their goal in distributed training through Training Contracts within 150 km radius of a fire service. A Management Credentialing System is being developed to serve the distributed training model. The goal is quality through standards not quantity of throughputs.
- Partnering: purchased Quebec IPIQ (fire college) NFPA compliant training materials for delivery to Franco-Ontarian firefighters through a grant from Federal Government.
- Section 21: Guy related the importance of bringing the Guidance Notes into the testing of Ontario Firefighters as a complement to the NFPA standards used in certification. He further expressed his commitment to ensure OFC's continued involvement with the committee.

John Mavrinc offered his thanks to Guy and lauded the OFC's direction and commitment both to Ontario Firefighters and the Section 21 Committee.

### 4. Review of LODD – Proposed Changes to the Coroner's Act

Dan Worrall & Rob Grimwood led a discussion on provincial initiatives to address firefighter LODD. Dan identified the disparity within the Coroner's Act wherein some sectors have mandatory (e.g. mining, construction) coroner's inquests and the fire service has none. He further related three difficult LODD examples (FF Kendall 2010, FF Student A Brunt 2015 and FF P. Pigeon 2016) that had there been inquests there may have been an opportunity to prevent deaths, provide critical information and offered transparency to the families and stakeholders.

Rob Grimwood related OAFB Board and H&S Committee endorses the intent of investigations for advancing the fire service. The OAFB has not decided on a Coroner's inquest or some other process.

Dan proposed a number of recommendations (PPT) and Rob sought guidance on how to bring matter to MLTSD from Juanita.

**Action:** Letter to Minister to be prepared by Co-chairs for Juanita to advance to Minister.

## **5. OAFSC Health and Safety Seminar Overview**

Rob updated the committee about the proposed H&S Seminar agenda and invited Sec 21 Committee members to sit on panel. Panel subject(s) TBD.

**Action:** Rob will coordinate committee speakers/panel for the OAFSC.

## **6. GN Organizational Review**

Rob and John discussed the development of a review cycle for GN's. Seeking sustainable process for review. It was decided that with approx. 80 GN's and a 3-year cycle, 7 GN's are to be reviewed per meeting.

**Action:** Juanita to look to how we communicate review process to users.

## **7. Adoption of ULC Standard into NFPA Standard (Apparatus)**

John gave overview of ULC Standard morphing into NFPA Standard (Fire Apparatus) with ULC standard reflecting the Canadian requirements/deviations from the NFPA Standard. This process is underway with deadline for completion not identified.

## **8. OPP Traffic Protection Program**

Dan introduced Sgt. Kerry Schmidt and Sgt. Mike Zelasko of the OPP and thanked them for attending the committee. An issue regarding response lights and field sobriety testing needs was discussed. Sgt. Schmidt related that officers needed darkness for drug recognition testing. Sgt. Zelasko gave overview of a 4-hour traffic protection program (TIM) presented as a blended learning course that includes PPT, video and tabletop roadway scenarios.

## **9. PSHSA Update**

Tim introduced Tanya Morose (Manager, Prevention, Engagement and Retention – PSHSA Public Safety Unit) who presented an update of current programs and initiatives PSHSA is implementing to further support the emergency services sectors.

- Supporting Ontario's Safe Employers Program for existing firms with Health & Safety Management Systems and the Excellence Program for Public Safety Agencies.
- Utilization of WSIB Firm Numbers and outreach to Public Safety with respect to Excellence Program and benefits.
- PSHSA Courses (Certification 1 & 2, Recertification, Designated Officer, Mental Health /Return To Work)
- CoVID-19 Webinar and sector specific guidance and recommended that Fire and Police (Training Bulletin 120) utilize the information developed for Paramedics
- Announced the Return To Work Policing Research Project
- Overview of the Paramedic Response to Opioid Crisis Public Review of CSA Z1650

Tim gave an overview of PSHSA Traffic Safety Program and the signaling certification associated with the PSHSA course.

## **10. MLTSD Update**

Juanita identified that the Firefighter CA Prevention Checklist review has completed its legal review. She highlighted that the Section 21 GN website analytics demonstrated impressive utilization and the data will be evaluated every 6 months.

**Action:** Juanita will continue to provide the web analytics to the committee semi-annually.

## **11. Ontario Regulation 714 Changes**

Dan gave an overview of suggested changes and general discussion ensued. Juanita asked the group to think outside the box on how this regulation could be changed? Her caveat being that there is no plan to change the regulation but wanted to have a list ready so that the Committee can act quickly in the event the Regulation opens up.

Numerous suggestions were made and recorded; Guy related that we should link our regulation statements to NFPA Standards.

**Action:** Juanita to merge lists of suggestions and present back to committee.

## **12. New Business**

### **Question to Committee:**

CoVID-19 - N95 Respirator 9210 is not fluid resistant and 1870 is fluid resistant

Question regarding do we need to be in 1870's?

**Action:** Rob will send a response to the fire department who posed the question.

Meeting concluded February 28, 2020 @ 12:00 hrs.

### **Next Meeting Date:**

June 25/26, 2020

September 10/11, 2020

December 10/11, 2020