



BCMSA RGM MEETING MINUTES June 8, 2018

Sundance Motel, 6574 Ladner Truck Road, Delta BC

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike	Roberts	BCMSA	<i>Executive Director</i>
Janice	Williams	City of Victoria	<i>Secretary</i>
Sergio	Picco	City of Burnaby	<i>Treasurer</i>
Caleb	Mierau	City of Kamloops	<i>Director</i>
Clay	Fredin	City of Vernon	<i>Director</i>
Cris	Bendall	City of Coquitlam	<i>Director</i>
Chris	Adolph	City of Vancouver	
Sam	Chauhan	City of Surrey	
Justin	Chouhan	BCMSA	
Rob	Cooke	Town of Sidney	
Rita	Coshan	District of Saanich	
Madelyn	Davidson	City of Abbotsford	
Nav	Gill	City of Victoria	
Jonathon	Gregory	City of Maple Ridge	
Lidia	Grzesiuk	City of Richmond	
Nicole	Horspool	City of Vancouver	
Lisa	Houle	WorkSafeBC	
Charity	Igiri	City of Pitt Meadows	
Rob	Ingraham	Capital Regional District	
Jennifer	Irwin	City of Vancouver	
Paige	Knapman	City of Courtenay	
Alan	Lucas	City of Chilliwack	
Hanna	Park	City of Port Coquitlam	
Parm	Phangura	City of Abbotsford	
Nathan	Peters	City of Kelowna	
Chris	Revitt	City of Burnaby	
Andrew	Ross	City of Vancouver	
Kim	Stubbs	WorkSafeBC	
Gail	Townsley	City of Richmond	
Thanh	Vo	BCMSA	
Geoff	Wright	City of Vancouver	
Tracy	Wynnyk	Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure	
Correen	Wolanski	BC Public Services Agency	



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The meeting opened at 10:04 a.m.

C. Mierau called the meeting to order.

Additions to Agenda

Justin Chouhan's Report was left off agenda

Adoption of Previous Minutes

Kim Stubbs, WSBC – ECP resources: Page 3 - Change wording to “Mike cautioned that a template may not be required or desired. Kim confirmed that the template would be generic.”

Chris Gonev **Moved** to adopt the March 2, 2018 Regular General Meeting Minutes, **Seconded** by C. Mierau, **Carried**.

Executive Director's Report

Working on a few courses – mental health, resilient minds; recently through WSBC high initiatives our website has been used very frequently – accessed over 250 times for information

Roll out of new brand for BCMSA and website aimed for January 2019; claims reduction initiative 2/3 done hopefully wrap up by end of this year

Meeting with WSBC on June 21 – asked by many employers how can we get assistance with WSBC; those reaching out aren't really on WSBC radar; 5-6 cities in the group to tackle this project; best practices will be discussed

This year NAOSH steering committee gave HSAs ability to nominate awards: individual champion award; City of Surrey – Ray Kerr, engineering ops team champion award; District of Hudson Hope – Ed Reschke; City of Abbotsford – Parm Phangura

Manager of Audit & Training Services Report

Training continues to grow for the BCMSA and it is recommended that municipalities send in their training calendars to the BCMSA to guarantee bookings for the fall and winter.

Both JOHSC Fundamentals and Sonar Safety Leadership have been doing really well and are amongst the most popular courses being booked at the moment.

Sourcing Online Training

The BCMSA launched its Online Training System as its second stream of learning. The Online Training System consists of over 200 safety awareness courses that have been designed to allow employers, supervisors and workers to train in a dynamic, interactive style within their workplaces or on the go. Some of the topics include:

- Safety Awareness Topics (Accident/Incident Investigation, WHMIS, SMS)
- Workplace Violence Prevention
- Workplace Stress
- Trench Safety/Ground disturbance



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New Training:

Mobile Equipment Training

The BCMSA has partnered with Leavitt Machinery regarding their Mobile Equipment Training. This stream of training would include courses such as Forklift training, Aerial Lift training, Overhead Crane training and Rigging.

Revamp and Relaunch of Return to Work Course

The BCMSA has been in contact with WorkSafeBC on the potential of relaunching our return to work course. This is still in the early stages; more to come on this as the year progresses

Resilient Minds for Firefighters

BCMSA in early stages on collaboration with CMHA, WorkSafeBC and Vancouver Fire. The BCMSA will be meeting with all the parties as WorkSafeBC and Fire project coming to end in July of 2018. BCMSA is looking at becoming one of the providers for this training for firefighters.

The COR practice directives will be going out to Public Consultation on July 31; no timeframe as to when a decision will be made. BCMSA has consulted with the Partners Program and from a CP partner and industry standpoint, the BCMSA has provided our feedback on the COR practice directives. An opportunity may arise when going out to public consultation for municipalities to provide feedback on the COR program. Please touch base with BCMSA first before providing the feedback. Incentive 2017 COR rebate – most municipalities should have received it by now unless there is a situation that prohibits incentive eligibility. WorkSafeBC would have sent a letter out if this is the case.

WorkSafeBC Report

Kim Stubbs' updates:

- Rate consultation sessions started
- New bulletin about slings
- Confined Space officers doing inspections across province; attending conference in September
- Issues with hazard assessments and procedures
- Ammonia – all ammonia contractors have been inspected, phase 3 started
- Conference in Sept – thinking up beneficial topics that they could present at the conference
- Bill 9 – presumptive mental health – June deadline for feedback
 - Rob Ingraham, Capital Regional District – there is an opportunity for the Board to help employers learn how to manage mental health claims; different techniques, questionnaires, etc to support; if we know first responders are going to be exposed to these situations, what are we doing proactively to prepare for it
 - Lisa Houle, WSBC – there is work happening behind the scenes to work on getting programs and training for employers on how to handle Mental Health claims
 - Mike Roberts, BCMSA – need to look at claims costs for mental health and highlight in our work plans going forward



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Old Business

ED TAC

We have had some interest from individuals in joining this group. Have to be part of the committee 50% of time if outside Lower Mainland; if in Lower Mainland, 75% of time must be present at the meetings.

Municipal Occupational Health & Safety Conference

15 booths left. Delegate package; early bird 10 spots available; 290 spots available in total. WSBC speakers are provided by Directors at WSBC; some topics - cannabis, claims management. Don't wait to book; may be sold out by end of July.

Confined Space Initiative

BCWWA finalizing Confined Space Document and is currently in draft format. Please review and provide feedback to Mike Roberts. Further discussion at next RGM in the fall. Focus on the *definition* of confined space and sections 9.18 and 9.23.

Above and beyond Award

Encourage people to nominate if you have a worker who has rendered first aid to a member of the public. Partnership agreement signed with St. John's ambulance.

New Business

No discussion

Round Table

Jonathan Gregory, City of Maple Ridge – Decreasing services from WSBC management side; WSBC challenged by retirements, turnover, etc. Encourage to ask for face to face meetings.

Rob Ingraham, Capital Regional District – talk to the Case Manager's Manager to get a resolution.

Coreen Wolanski, BC Public Services Agency – Forming group for handling Cannabis impairment in the workplace.

Paige Knapman, City of Courtenay – Has two hygienists from WSBC to review Confined Space program. Highlighted the training from BCMSA is exceptional. Training from Leavitt will be valuable. Mike Roberts, BCMSA – noted that maybe they could set up a regional train the trainer program for mobile equipment.

Alan Lucas, City of Chilliwack – Impressed with WSBC regarding the Ammonia initiative. Hoping Confined Space initiative will be the same.

Charity Igiri, City of Pitt Meadows – Updates on Asbestos, Silica & Lead training. Staff are comfortable with controls in place. NAOSH week was successful; awareness was raised.

Rita Coshan, District of Saanich – Refining Confined Space initiatives, WorkSafeBC is very involved. Fire Department has received grant; will be activating EOC.

Janice Williams, City of Victoria – Fire resulting in 2 orders.



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Geoff Wright, City of Vancouver – Highlighted the emphasis and awareness of safety within all municipalities.

Nicole Horspool, City of Vancouver – Working on improving Safety in Parks Board.

Andrew Ross, City of Vancouver – Recent ammonia leak at community center. Great evacuation process conducted.

Sergio Picco, City of Burnaby – Reviewing chlorine processes for aquatics; looking at revising biohazard manual for aquatics; working with Fire on RTW claims. New Parks Safety Officer (Chris Revitt).

Clay Fredin, City of Vernon – Confined space program improvements.

Parm Phangura, City of Abbotsford – Revamped contractor coordination program; also working on revising AC pipe procedure; LMS procedure with DATAS.

Nav Gill, City of Victoria – Johnson Street Bridge is a priority. WSBC Hygiene Officers came and educated building inspectors – very useful.

Chris Revitt, City of Burnaby – Happy to be on board. No updates.

Sam Chauhan, City of Surrey – Several recent hit utilities by junior supervisors. Improvements made with pre-construction lists and emergency crew talks.

Nathan Peters, City of Kelowna – Approved alternative measures for going in manholes; PRVs and wetwells. Flooding in Okanagan required emergency ops work. WCAT \$75,000 fine – won the appeal.

Tracy Wynnyk, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – Recent job had three workers who were exposed to hydrogen peroxide and were burned with no spill kit on site. Over the last year they are finding that WSBC inspections seem to focus on the owner being responsible for the activities of the prime contractors. Lisa Houle – every circumstance can be different; consider talking to Regional Manager for the officers if you have issues with their orders or inspection reports.

Chris Adolph, City of Vancouver – Usually designate everyone as prime; City will not review and approve – they just check that they have the procedures, training, etc. Sam Chauhan – Surrey designates every contractor as Prime; ask multiple Primes for multiple activities to be coordinated. Asked for ideas for online OSH Manuals. Drew has “programs” on different web pages; not all in one.

Gail Townsley, City of Richmond – Ensuring investigations are completed and submitted; more focus on expert investigators.

Chris Adolph, City of Vancouver – Recently hired contractor to complete confined space hazard assessments.

Jen Irwin, City of Vancouver – Recently had several utilities struck – gas main with evacuation; two gas mains and one gas service. Turnover in staff.



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Madelyn Davidson, City of Abbotsford – Focus on training.

Rob Cooke, City of Sidney – Interested in wet well classifications other municipalities have. Thanked Sam for sharing Fall protection program. WSBC provided CIS counselling to crews that witnessed an excavation/shoring collapse. Lisa Houle – Critical Incident Stress group is available to all workplaces in the event of a traumatic incident; great resource.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:

Regular General Meeting – September 16, 2018 – Sun Peaks, BC