



Wood Preservation Canada Préservation du bois Canada

COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 27th, 2014
Vancouver, BC

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Staff:

Henry Walthert
Martin Tauvette

Committee Members:

Mr. Paul Dandy (Chairperson)
Mr. Craig Frohlich
Mr. Peter Mason
Mr. Mike McCollough
Ms. Elizabeth Marion

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair P. Dandy called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair P. Dandy indicated that Paul Morris asked for a few minutes to review the FPInnovations Modern Timber Bridge project. This was added as Item 6 to the agenda.

Motion by E. Marion to approve the agenda.
Seconded by R. Zeegers

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by E. Marion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held April 29th, 2014. Seconded by T. Moryto

CARRIED

4. North American Wood Pole Council

Darren Brooks gave an update to WPC members on the latest activities of NAWPC. He mentioned that NAWPC had a Wood Pole Structure Design Seminar September 23-25 and that they are also doing webinar training on different topics related to wood poles. D. Brooks also mentioned that NAWPC participated in trade shows including the Western Underground Committee and the International Lineman's Rodeo. He informed members that NAWPC will participate in fewer shows in the future because they are not economically viable. NAWPC shared utilities survey results like the Distribution Survey made by Osmose and the Lineman Rodeo Survey. He finished his presentation with a demonstration of the NAWPC application for smart phones.

5. POPRC – Penta Issue

M. Tauvette presented a video of WPC Executive Director, Henry Walthert reporting the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC). The highlights of the video were:

- Working with Penta Task Force and KMG Chemicals Inc.

- Extensive consultation with PMRA
- Active political campaign with Conservative MPs
- Submission in support of Annex B listing.

6. **FPInnovations Modern Timber Bridge project**

P. Morris talked to members regarding the FPInnovations Timber Bridge Project. Last June, FPInnovations staff with expertise in structural safety, serviceability and durability toured a number of modern timber bridges in Norway, together with representatives of the Canadian Wood Council and the Softwood Lumber Board. As a result of a timber bridge initiative started some 20 years ago by the Norwegian Wood Technology Institute, the Norwegian Public Roads Administration now has a growing culture of building timber bridges, many of which are overpasses on major highways. One carries the lesser of two major North-South highways in Norway over a large creek and replaces a steel and concrete bridge. These bridges are cost competitive, have a design life (100 years) and maintenance expectations comparable to steel and concrete bridges. A major contribution to the design life is the treatment process they are using on glue-laminated components and the bridge designs. There is a belief elsewhere in Europe and to a certain extent in Quebec that one can just protect by design but it is extremely difficult to envisage meeting the 75-year life required in Canadian codes let alone a 100-year life with that approach. There are many things we can learn from the Norwegian example and a number of things we will need to change for Canadian wood species and Canadian conditions. Wood bridges do represent a niche market but they are also a flagship for use of treated wood.

7. **Comments from Members**

None

8. **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by L. McTaggart
Seconded by E. Marion.

CARRIED