



# Wood Preservation Canada Préservation du bois Canada

## COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Quebec, QC

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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**

Motion by C. Frohlich to approve the agenda.  
Seconded by E. Marion

CARRIED

## 3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Motion by E. Marion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Seconded by C.Frohlich

CARRIED

## 4. **North American Wood Pole Council**

H. Walthert informed members on the recent and future activities of the NAWPC who have approved a 2014 Budget of \$153,000.

The National Electrical Safety Committee incorporated some minor change to the National Electrical Safety Code regarding wind loads. The ASC 05 Committee is currently revising the 05.1 and 05.3 standards.

H. Walthert also informed members that NAWPC published a technical bulletin that addresses the performance of products in wildfire zone. Samples were distributed.

H. Walthert also informed members that the treated wood industry is questioning a life cycle assessment (LCA) on galvanized steel poles done by SCS Global Services. The LCA asserts that galvanized steel poles have lower environmental impacts than treated wood poles. Treated wood representatives met with SCS Global in February, questioning the data used in the steel LCA. SCS agreed to review additional data and publish an addendum to the steel pole LCA. No date has been set for publishing the addendum.

## 5. **POPRC – Penta Issue**

H. Walthert informed the members that WPC along with Roger Jackson from KMG-Bernuth, Herb Estreicher from Keller and Heckman LLP and Michael Teeter from Hillwatch are following the issue regarding pentachlorophenol under the Stockholm Convention. If this should pass, the use of penta could be eliminated in countries that are signatories of the convention which includes

Canada but not the U.S.A. Wood Preservation Canada provided comments on the first draft document and asked that penta be listed on Annex B which would allow for continued use. WPC has met with government officials to ensure a positive unified response from the Canadian government.

## **6. Wood in Bridge Construction**

G. Stein from TNT2 Inc. gave the members a presentation on the use of pressure treated wood in bridge construction. He mentioned that in Quebec, most treated wood in bridge construction is used to build “wood-steel” bridges. Treated wood is required for some cribwork, stringers and decking. The Quebec Ministry of Transport (MTQ) has more than 9500 bridges in service, between 25 and 30% of these are wood-steel bridges. The timbers of these structures are mostly treated with CCA. G.Stein mentioned that the MTQ was looking at alternatives and more naturally durable species. He also informed members that any treating plant that would like to produce timber for wood bridges used for MTQ projects, needs to be ISO registered and the wood must meet the CSA O80.2 requirements.

## **7. Comments from Members**

None

## **8. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by C. Frohlich.  
Seconded by E. Marion.

CARRIED