

Contractor Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting

March 2, 2023
9:00 am via Zoom

Present:

Contractors	ESA	MPBSD	Regrets
Dave Ackison Ron Bergeron Shawn Blacklock Ryan Delisle Doug McGinley James McKellar Chris Ruber Jeff Scott Scott Yemen	Will Barrett Stephanie Dunn Eric Kingston Serge Laflamme Claire Loucks Mohammed Marfatia Karen Ras	Esther Turner	Mark Hopkins Joe Kurpe Rob Smith

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1.	<p>Preliminaries</p> <p><i>No conflicts of interest were declared.</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i> <i>The Agenda be approved.</i> <i>Moved by: Doug McGinley</i> <i>Seconded: Jeff Scott</i> <i>Carried.</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i> <i>Minutes of December 8, 2022, meeting be approved</i> <i>Moved by: Doug McGinley</i> <i>Seconded: Jeff Scott</i> <i>Carried.</i></p>	
2.	<p>Remote Inspection</p> <p>Serge Laflamme spoke to this.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An Electronic Document Repository App is being launched for remote inspection and to capture photos. 2) It will be rolled out end of March across Ontario to 40 selected contractors who currently use remote inspections frequently. 3) Many specific details were outlined such as : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) field staff to be able to upload the site photos. b) will not take away the pass/no visit procedure. c) does not affect the ratio requirement under RBO. 	

3.	<p>Incident and Non-Compliance Reporting</p> <p>Eric Kingston and Stephanie Dunn spoke to this:</p> <p>A) Incident Reporting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) There are privacy issues. Contractors noted that full details are not required but only generalities to help enhance safety2) Three options were proposed to advise contractors. Contractors preferred the on-line option through the ESA website. <p>B) Non-Compliance Reporting</p> <p>A password option is being considered as well as the implementation.</p>	Stephanie Dunn
4.	<p>Utility Issues</p> <p>Dave Ackison spoke to this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) He and Shawn Blacklock attended the UAC meeting and expressed their concerns about extreme delays.2) Hydro One stated they met the industry standard of 90% of scheduled appointments met on time.3) Claire Loucks asked if members have raised the issue with the Ontario Energy Board4) Eric proposed a working group of two members from each Council and one from the Consumer Council	Chair
5.	<p>EV Chargers</p> <p>Jeff Scott spoke to this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5) Several contractors are experiencing inconsistent ESA inspections on EV chargers.6) The ESA bulletin on EV chargers' load sharing is not being consistently interpreted by ESA Inspectors.	

Ron Bergeron spoke as follows :

1) Each year, for at least the past 12 years, ESA disrupts/ blocks/denies services for some 10% of LECs .
There is no accountability and no transparency.

2) ESA has the info but choses to not collate the data.

To illustrate the point, Ron provided many examples of data being collected such as:

Each month, ESA prepares some 9500 LEC company permit profiles , each of some 16 parameters, on a rolling 12-month basis

8. **Plan Review**

A) Ron Bergeron spoke to this .

1) ESA rejected the CoAC recommendation to stop permit comparison.

2) Operations has instructed Inspectors to continue their inspections and to discuss the permit situations with the LECs

3) For accountability, he recommended that the following data be collected:

- a) Number of drawings selected
- b) Number of drawings with differences
- c) Number of drawings where PR is correct
- d) Number of dollars collected from LECs
(PR spends some \$ 300,000/year comparing)

B) Ryan Delisle disputed the need for this data.

9. **Information on Permits**

Dave Ackison voiced concerns

1) Details being lost when pulling a permit.

2) Inadequate notice from ESA Inspectors.

Will Barrett offered to discuss concerns.

10.	<p>Next Meeting-</p> <p>Eric Kingston spoke to this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) This will be in-person. It will not be hybrid2) Location is the CHSI3) CoAC members to advise him on their attendance.	
11.	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 pm</p>	