

Lower Mainland Technical Committee of Building Officials

Minutes for February 14th, 2018 Meeting
Hosted by District of North Vancouver

Note: The opinions expressed by this Committee in the Minutes of this meeting may be of assistance in determining the appropriate use of materials, equipment or methods of construction, but should NOT be considered as Official Building Code Interpretations.

2018 Chairperson: Trevor Welsh twelsh@portmoody.ca

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Date: February 14th, 2018

Location: District of North Vancouver

1.0 **Welcome Attendees:** Trevor Welsh welcomed the attendees to the District of North Vancouver. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

2.0 **Introduction of Members**

3.0 **Appointment of Scribe** Name: Wil Neish AHJ: City of Burnaby

4.0 **Attendance:** All members are responsible to record their CPD points on the BOABC web page members section.

Evan Barberis	District of North Vancouver
Gurinder Hangat	District of North Vancouver
Oscar Sieg	City of Langley
Henry Kuipers	District of Kent
Frank Durante	District of Mission
David Butler	Village of Lions Bay
Tony Buric	City of Richmond
Jonathan Mearns	City of Richmond
Wil Neish	City of Burnaby
Jon Milloy	City of Surrey
Kyle May	City of Surrey
James Hook	City of Vancouver
Paul Weber	City of Vancouver
Gary Deans	City of Coquitlam
Trevor Welsh	City of Port Moody

Perry Halabuza
 Jagdeep Johal
 Stacy McSherry
 Richard Dohmeier
 Chantal Gemperle

City of Coquitlam
 Township of Langley
 District of West Vancouver
 District of North Vancouver
 City of Pitt Meadows

5.0 **Adoption of Minutes:** January 10th, 2018 City of Langley

Motion to adopt Minutes Moved by: Henry Kuipers

Seconded by: Jonathan Mearns

Discussion: None

Carried: Yes

6.0 **Review of Agenda.**

7.0 **Additional agenda items**

Items 9.2 to 9.11 added to agenda.

8.0 **Old Business**

8.1	PE-RT Piping Update	Jon Milloy
On-going update of potential Building Act application. Surrey to follow up with Building Standards.		
8.2	2018 Meeting Locations	Trevor Welsh
A location for the December Meeting needs to be determined. Burnaby will host in March and Coquitlam will host in November.		

9.0 **New Business:**

9.1	9.32.3.8.(3) – Duct Inspection (Equivalent Duct Length)	Name: James Nyhus
Which jurisdictions are inspecting the ducts from Bathroom fans and Kitchen Range Hood Fans for compliance with Table 9.32.3.8.(3) (maximum equivalent duct length) see note (1) on table for 3m length addition for 90 degree elbow?		
-Most AHJ's in attendance rely on the Mechanical Ventilation Checklists provided by the contractor.		

9.2	Ducts in unconditioned space	Name: Frank Durante
<p>Discussion regarding insulation of ducts in unconditioned space.</p> <p>-The majority of those who provided feedback stated they permit R20 batt insulation to be wrapped loosely around attic ducts.</p>		
9.3	Asbestos clearance letters	Name: Henry Kuipers
<p>Do other AHJ's ask for this clearance letter and if so, what do they require?</p> <p>-Some AHJ's leave it up to the inspectors to determine on site if this is required based on the scope of work and the condition of the site. Several AHJ's require for this to be submitted prior to inspection and note this on the approved plans. As this is a policy issue, it has been suggested to refer it to the RPLC for further review.</p>		
9.4	Exterior fire alarm enunciator panels	Name: Evan Barberis
<p>Question regarding installation of alarm enunciator panels on the exterior of the building and how these tested panels are weather proofed.</p> <p>-Several AHJ's do not permit exterior installation based on sealing penetrations into the panel during install while others rely on the professionals for review. North Vancouver is considering setting a policy and is seeking input. Discussion on whether or not an Alternative Solution would be required. Item tabled for RPLC.</p>		
9.5	Ventilation of Exit stairs	Name: Oscar Sieg
<p>Discussion took place around how exits are to be ventilated.</p> <p>-Those in attendance agreed that BCBC 6.2.2.2.(2) requires ventilation designed and addressed by a mechanical Engineer.</p>		
9.6	Sprinkler permits and letters of assurance	Name: Trevor Welsh
<p>Sprinkler Engineers for permit applications are often not the Engineer who will be completing the design. How do AHJ's view/handle the change in Engineer?</p> <p>-All agreed that EGBC guide to letters of assurance should be followed. Most AHJ's will issue a building permit prior to sprinkler design but several others withhold the building permit until a sprinkler design is submitted.</p>		
9.7	Letters of Assurance	Name: Trevor Welsh
<p>Review of updates to the Letters of Assurance effective Jan 28, 2018.</p>		
9.8	Code interpretation request	Name: Darrell Bridge
<p>Coquitlam has put in an interpretation request re: NFPA 20 (access for fire pumps)</p> <p>-To be followed up when interpretation has been received.</p>		

9.9	BCBC updates	Name: Trevor Welsh
A quick review of the new code change for 9.8.8.1. re: restrictors for windows in a single family dwelling.		
9.10	Upcoming changes for 3.8 in the 2018 BCBC	Name: Jag Johal
The question was asked who was aware of the upcoming changes to 3.8 in the 2018 BCBC. It was suggested that substantial changes may occur and the NBC could be reviewed in anticipation of these changes.		
9.11	Seismic requirements for T-bar ceilings	Name: Henry Kuipers
The question was raised asking what other AHJ's require in regards to seismic restraint on T-bar ceilings.		
-Most AHJ's ask for seismic restraint to be addressed by an Engineer but there was no consensus on when this should be asked for and what the minimum room size or trigger should be.		

10.0 **Motion to adjourn meeting moved by:** Jag Johal

Seconded by: Jonathan Mearns

Adjournment of Meeting Time: 3:00pm

Location of next meeting: City of Burnaby

Date of next meeting: March 14th, 2018

2018 Meeting schedule:

- January 10th, 2018..... City of Langley
- February 14th, 2018..... District of North Vancouver
- March 14th, 2018..... City of Burnaby
- April 11th, 2018..... City of Richmond
- May 2018 No Meeting due to Spring Conference and AGM
- June 13th, 2018..... District of West Vancouver
- July 11th, 2018..... City of Abbotsford
- August 2018..... No Meeting for Summer Vacations
- September 12th, 2018..... Township of Langley
- October 10th, 2018..... City of Surrey
- November 14th, 2018..... City of Coquitlam
- December 12th, 2018..... **To be Determined**