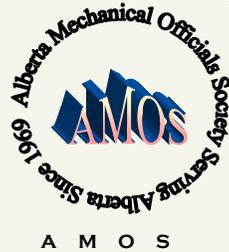


# Alberta Mechanical Officials Society



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Good Day to all members . As we head into the winter we also head into our second conference of the year October 21-22 with four speakers booked and ready to speak.

As always the presence of Alberta Municipal Affairs with Mr.Sidney Manning speaking, Pierre McDonald with Underwriters of Canada, Mr. Dalton Hooker with Dura Vent, and Safety Codes Council with Mr. Gerald Baron.

All 4 of these speakers will bring information, outlook, update, and most importantly there presence to our conference.

Our last Spring Conference had a lot of table discussion and a lot of questions in regards to product and codes, which is why this association

is in existence . With that being said we are also offering an update for the Standard of Practice on Friday October 21, Please check with safety codes Council website for time.

As this summer comes to a close and we put our golf clubs, trailers, fishing rods, boats,( CHEER on the Calgary Stampeters to another Grey cup), away for another year, we all have to get ready for another winter of TEMPORARY heat and the responsibility of WHO- is responsible WHEN- is it required and WHY -do we need these permits? Please remember the tags that were given for temporary permits.

Education to our installers at the beginning of each year

makes it less painfull as the season progresses.

I look forward to more table talk, discussion on the industry and how it changes, how to bring Continuity so we all call the SAME code that we all just updated on.

SEE YOU ALL October 21-22, 2016 IN RED DEER .

Roy Clark



## W E B S I T E U P D A T E

Earlier this year AMOS's web site, (www.amos1969.com), was hacked and wiped out by an unknown culprit. Most of our information was lost and the web site had to be rebuilt from scratch. We have taken steps to minimize potential risks by restricting access to

the web site. Users are now required to log in.

Tom Knull has actively been monitoring and updating the web site for the last couple of years. Tom has offered his services until another member has become available.

During our recent executive meeting it was decided Nicholas Taffs, ( City of Airdrie ), will assume the duties of web site administrator. Tom has offered to stay on to assist Nicholas where required.

Thank you Tom Knull for all

your work on the AMOS web-site.

In addition to web site administrator Nicholas Taffs will also be assuming editorial and newsletter duties.



### From the Desk of the Administrator

Fall comes to us at about the same speed whether the sun shines all summer or whether it rains every two days. There is quite a bit of variability in things like the weather around Alberta, but it rained every two days where I was.

The activity within the plumbing, gas, and heating disciplines continues to stay at a breakneck pace.

The gas code regulation has been in force since January 1, 2016 and rapid updates under new automatic code adoption policies have left us without finalized gas code update training schedule. The amendment of codes from time to time under the automatic code adoption process will support training in a timely process. My hope is that we will come to expect training available prior to enforcement of adopted codes (Now wouldn't that just make a ton a sense).

All of the gas Standatas (except for P/G-08-02-combination heating systems) have been updated to harmonize with the new gas code regulation. Others are being further reviewed to address working groups and other disciplines.

The province wide variance for uncertified equipment in the oil and gas industry expired on June 30, 2016. The variance will be able to be used on existing projects for which there is a permit as required by the current variance to identify a start date before June 30, 2016.

The variance will not extend under any capacity, including legacy equipment that may be managed under the legacy equipment management system Standata that allows companies to ensure safety with uncertified equipment and upgrade inventory in timely fashion. Legacy program managers are expected to complete their entire stock by December 31, 2019.

Industry response has been favorable regarding next steps and compliance.

The plumbing code regulation is anticipated prior to the end of 2016 and plumbing Standatas are being currently updated to coincide with anticipated adoption.

Update training for medical gas training has been completed and is anticipated to be available this winter.

The province wide variance for water reuse that enables reclaimed water on a single property under 25 m<sup>3</sup> per day will expire on the same date that the 2016 plumbing code regulation comes into effect.

The 2016 plumbing code regulation will allow for water reuse but conditions will be maintained to ensure the municipality has the ability to identify water quality and limit installations as they recognize their ability to enforce compliance.

Any system involving more than one property that may not be able to fall within the scope of the current variance will require a site-specific variance that may include approval of the equipment by the administrator and oversight from the Municipality, Alberta Environment and Parks or Alberta Health.

An information bulletin Standata will be published to retain the existing prescriptive requirements of the water reuse variance (for toilets, urinals and subsurface irrigation) with the clarity addressing systems on a single property.

All other water reuse applications will require site-specific variances.

As always, the number of items that could be discussed here is extensive. Have a great fall, full of +30°C days. See you at the conference.



### REGIONAL SAFETY CODES OFFICER MEETINGS

The purpose of these meetings is to facilitate discussion & knowledge sharing among building, electrical, fire, gas, private sewage, and plumbing SCOs in different communities around Alberta. They are facilitated by Alberta Municipal Affairs and presented in collaboration with the Safety Codes Council. Upcoming meetings are Friday, October 14, Grande Prairie, Wednesday, October 19, Red Deer, and Wednesday October 26, Medicine Hat.

More information can be obtained at the Safety Codes Council Web site:

<http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/SCO/Pages/Regional-Meetings.aspx>



T H R E E   G O O D   M E N



Alf Durnie  
September 16, 1958- September 16, 2016



Roland Tomuschat  
September.22, 2016 71 years



John Semeniuk  
August 24, 1936 - October 8, 2016

It is with great sadness that we write to you of the passing of Alf, Roland, and John. Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathies are with their families at this time.

We truly will miss these guys at AMOS. The fundamental ideals that AMOS strives to achieve in consistency, uniformity, and education to its members were indeed what these men stood strong to. They believed a difference could be made. Throughout their careers they contributed countless hours of their own time, energy and knowledge to making this province of Alberta a better place to live. Thank you for all you have done.

**Your 2015/16 Executive as it stands today:**

- President: Roy Clark
- Vice President: Vacant
- Past President: Martin Pattison
- Secretary: Rick Baxter
- Treasurer: Wayne Ducharme
- Director 1: Al Steenburgen
- Director 2: Doug Reid
- Director 3: Jory Allen
- History: Vacant
- AMA Liaison: Perry Wager
- Web Site: Nicholas Taffs
- Education committee: Blake Allen
- Plumbing Sub Council: Mark Harrold
- Gas Sub Council : Mike Turek

Taken from the safety codes council web site:

<http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/SCO/Pages/New-Building-SCO-Certification-and-Training-Structure.aspx>

**New Building SCO Certification and Training Structure**

The New Building Certification and Training Structure goes live **Monday, October 3, 2016.**

Transition to the new structure is not mandatory. SCOs are able to maintain their current certification.

The new structure more closely aligns with national building official training, as well as streamlines training. Residential levels in Part 9 and HVAC allow new SCOs to begin inspections with an appropriate scope of practice.

The Council is encouraging SCOs to voluntarily transition to the new certification structure. **During the transition period, the Council is offering some courses at a reduced price of of \$200 each.** The transition period ends October 2017, which allows students and SCOs to complete training and obtain new certifications using the current courses.

For more info visit [www.safetycodescouncil.ab.ca](http://www.safetycodescouncil.ab.ca) or follow link above.





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*The Objectives of AMOS are as follows:*

- 1. To assist in the development, maintenance, and improvement of Plumbing & Gas regulations.*
- 2. To promote the uniform interpretation and enforcement of the regulations.*
- 3. To promote greater knowledge of the building industry among its members, governments, related organizations, and the public.*
- 4. To Provide members training, education and certification to establish and maintain a high degree of knowledge, Integrity, competence and professionalism in the performance of inspections, plan reviews and the administration of codes and regulations.*
- 5. To cultivate a spirit of mutual assistance among members through improved communication and social relationships.*
- 6. To promote and preserve the health, safety, and comfort of the people of Alberta.*

**AMOS Annual Fall Conference will be held on Friday October 21 and Saturday October 22, 2016**

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