



Minutes

Cement (Concrete) Finisher Trade Board Meeting

March 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Hamilton/Halton Construction Association
370 York Blvd., Suite 100
Hamilton, ON, L8R 3L1

Trade Board Members in Attendance

Geoff Kinney, Chair
Tony Mollica, Vice-Chair
Alexander Aranibar
James Woods

Trade Board Members not in Attendance

None

Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

None

Staff in Attendance

Joseph Pyringer, Program Coordinator¹

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Trade Board members to the Cement (Concrete) Finisher Trade Board meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY J. Woods, SECONDED BY T. Mollica AND CARRIED, the agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY T. Mollica, SECONDED BY J. Woods AND CARRIED, the draft minutes of the Trade Board's August 21, 2014, October 22, 2014 and November 10, 2014 meetings were approved as tabled.

5. Trade Board Resolutions & Issues Update

Staff reported on the application for Red Seal status in Ontario, and advised that the Trade Board will now need to complete the validation and weighting application booklet.

6. College of Trades Update

6.1 Financial Resource List

Staff provided an updated financial resource list in electronic copy.

6.2 Exam Preparation Guide

Staff provided the latest Exam Preparation Guide information and advised that a new and improved version will be release on the College website soon.

6.3 Academic Entry Requirements

Staff advised that the public consultation on Academic Entry Requirements (AER) will take place in the coming months. It was noted that the current AERs for admission to Apprenticeship Programs may not be enforceable unless they are incorporated into a formal regulation. In order to ensure greater certainty that the AERs in existence prior to the creation of the College remain in place until changed in regulation, a transitional regulation will be implemented that effectively preserves the status until such time as the College undertakes its public consultation and an appropriate regulation is subsequently introduced.

6.4 Voluntary Trade Credential Replacement

Staff provided an overview of the process for replacing a lost credential for a voluntary trade.

6.5 Communications & Marketing Update

Staff provided information on the new marketing ad, “Apprentices provide a competitive advantage for business”.

7. Program Update

7.1 Trade Statistics

The Trade Board was briefed by staff on trade statistics as of March 3, 2015 and reported 69 Apprentices were currently registered in the Cement (Concrete) Finisher trade.

7.2 Sector Divisional Board Meeting

Staff provided information with respect to the October 1, 2014 Construction Divisional Board meeting.

8. Industry Update

8.1 Fact Sheet Review

Staff provided information on the Fact Sheet and emailed an electronic template to the Chair. The Chair will suggest content and email to the rest of the Trade Board for approval.

8.2 My Trades Journey

Staff provided information on the www.mytradesjourney.ca website. Apprentices can join to participate in online surveys and discussion groups and also have the opportunity to win prizes. The Trade Board members advised that they would encourage Apprentices to sign-up.

8.3 Red Seal Program

Staff presented the validation and weighting application booklet for the Red Seal Concrete Finisher trade. The Trade Board completed the booklet for submission.

9. Other Business

9.1 The Trade Board indicated that there is a need to recruit more Apprentices and is eager to see how the College will implement the search function on the College website that not only lists business members by trade, but will also allow them to post jobs and find apprentices who are looking for work. The Trade Board would like to communicate technical issues, training opportunities, skills and knowledge using an open portal so people in the field can access important information about the trade.

9.2 The Trade Board noted that the curriculum for the Concrete (Cement) Finisher trade is in need of review. The in-school curriculum is based upon an old training standard. The 2010 MTCU/OCOT training standard requires a compatible in-school curriculum (5 years ago). The Trade Board will look into how curricula are structured in other jurisdictions that participate in the Red Seal Concrete Finisher program and report back at the next meeting.

9.3 Staff reviewed the Dean Review website and advised that the submissions will be publically posted soon.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board is scheduled for November 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at a location to be determined.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

“Geoff Kinney”

Geoff Kinney, Chair

November 20, 2015

Date

ⁱ Recording Officer