



Minutes

Truck and Coach Technician Trade Board Meeting

March 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Ontario Trucking Association - Boardroom
555 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, ON M9W 1H8

Trade Board Members in Attendance

Nihal Carthigaser

Gord Charters

Patrick Hacon

Jake Francis

Jainauth (Vish) Jadunauth

Domenic Ninni

James Pinder

Rolf VanderZwaag

Trade Board Members not in Attendance

Frank Trianni

Dave Eisele

Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

Pierre Valley, Centennial College

George Guyenot, AST Trade Board Member

Staff in Attendance

Dominic Machado, Enforcement Officer

Elliot Siemiatycki, Policy Analyst

Rick Smythe, Enforcement Officer

Rottena Sparks, Program Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The trade board welcomed our newest member, J. Francis to the trade board.

2. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION MADE BY P. Hacon, SECONDED BY N. Carthigaser, AND CARRIED, the agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Previous Minutes

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY N. Carthigaser, SECONDED BY P. Hacon, AND CARRIED, the draft minutes of the Trade Board’s December 4, 2015 meeting were approved as tabled.

5. Update on Trade Board Resolutions & Issues

The Trade Board discussed the previous resolution regarding the Mobile Refrigeration Technician Trade, along with the response letters from the Motive Power Divisional Board.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY G. Charters, SECONDED BY P. Hacon, AND CARRIED, the Trade Board requests a copy of, or information with respect to, the formal process and framework for developing a new trade; the Trade Board inquires whether or not the Dean Report has or will impact the new trade development process; and the Trade Board requests an update on the status of its previous resolution recommending the commencement of the new trade development process for the proposed trade of ‘Mobile Refrigeration Technician’.

The Trade Board also requested an update on other new trade development proposal or activity that may impact the Truck and Coach Technician trade.

6. College of Trades Update

6.1 2015 Operations Report

Staff provided the 2015 OCOT Operations Report for review

6.2 Motive Power Plain Language Document

D. Machado and R. Smythe joined the meeting at 12:35 p.m to present a document that has been created to help the public, staff and Enforcement Officers help bring clarity to Ontario Regulation 277/11.

6.3 Reclassification of Fleets

The Trade Board welcomed G. Guyenot, an Automotive Service Technician Trade Board member, who joined the meeting at 11:45 a.m. to share a concern in the automotive industry.

G. Guyenot reported that several fleet industry stakeholders, servicing fleet vehicles in the Toronto area, have expressed concerns over what they feel is a mismatch of vehicle and technicians’ license classifications.

Split fleets, according to the Scope of Practice, are fleets with multiple vehicle types divided by weight. The vehicle of concern is a single vehicle type-step van whose gross weight ranges from 5000 kg to 10,700 kg and splits the fleet (9,000 kgs is the dividing point).

This mismatch is creating hindrances with fleet management, resulting in difficulties and conflicts with unions, job assignments, hiring, etc. Further, it is felt the lack of experience for 310T Truck and Coach Technicians in these fleets may not be in the best interest for the company, trade or public. A lengthy discussion followed and, as a result, the Trade Board concluded that the two trades have a few common industry concerns and that it would be important to engage in further discussions with the Automotive Service Technician Trade Board. It was agreed that a meeting take place with a few representatives from both the Truck and Coach and Automotive Service Technician trades. The Trade Board thanked G. Guyenot for attending and he left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY J. Pinder, SECONDED BY P. Hacon, AND CARRIED, the Trade Board

requests a joint meeting be held between the Truck and Coach Technician Trade Board and the Automotive Service Technician Trade Board in the near future to discuss common issues between the two trades.

7. Program Updates

7.1 Apprenticeship Trade Statistics

The Trade Board received a summary of the apprenticeship statistics for the Truck and Coach Technician trade and the Truck Trailer Service Technician trade for the period December 2015-February 2016.

7.2 Training Standard Update

Staff reported that the Apprenticeship Training Standard log book for Truck and Coach Technician was released February 11, 2016, and the Apprenticeship Training Standard log book for Truck Trailer Service Technicians was released February 18, 2016, both of which are now posted to the College's website and available for newly registered apprentices.

7.4 Truck and Coach Practical Exam

Staff reported that a Truck and Coach practical exam has been developed for exam accommodation purposes. More updates will be provided in the near future.

7.5 Equivalency for Post-Secondary Programs

P. Valley reported that Centennial College has been approved for levels 1 and 2 equivalency for post-secondary programs. These approvals for level equivalencies can benefit those individuals in the Truck and Coach Technician, Heavy Duty Equipment Technician and Automotive Service Technician trades.

8. Industry Updates

8.1 Program Evaluation Project

E. Siemiatycki joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and provided an update on the College's Program Evaluation Project. He advised that before any final decisions are made, there will be key discussions/consultations with the Trade Boards affected. He also advised that the PEP project is not focusing on de-prescribing trades. The Trade Board thanked him for his presentation and he left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

8.2 Harmonization Project

Staff provided an overview of the federal Harmonization Project. Staff reported that the stakeholder consultations and survey relating to the first three recommendations is now complete. There will be a few webinars/teleconferences available for stakeholder participation. In the near future, staff will provide more details as well as conduct a recruitment of SMEs/instructors for these webinars/teleconferences, to review the documentation and have a special meeting to discuss the project. The Truck and Coach Technician trade has been selected to participate in the second phase of the project.

8.3 Mobile Refrigeration Technician

The Trade Board would like to have any updates regarding moving forward with a recent resolution to establish a new trade called Mobile Refrigeration Technician. This discussion was placed on hold due to the Dean Review. Now that the Dean Report is available, the Trade Board would like to move ahead with new trade development discussions.

8.4 Wheel Installation and Safety

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is working with the Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) on what can be done to prevent wheels falling off trucks (wheel offs). For those working on wheels, discussions around this issue include possibly revoking the individual's MTO license as well as revoking their OCOT license. As part of regulatory requirements, the name of the license holder installing the tires is required. MTO will be enforcing and providing a newsletter to widely disseminate to as many stakeholders as possible. Both groups are working together to develop some guidelines for automotive repair shops, to help ensure that technicians are working according to MTO guidelines.

9. Election of Vice-chair

The Trade Board unanimously agreed to elect P. Hacon as its Vice-Chair.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting/Event

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board is scheduled for June 17, 2016.

11. Adjournment

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY J. Jadunauth, SECONDED BY J. Pinder, AND CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned.

"Rolf VanderZwaag"

Rolf VanderZwaag, Chair

June 17, 2016

Date

¹ Recording Officer