



**MEETING MINUTES**

**Ottawa Electrical Commission**

**Date:** July 16, 2014

**Attendees:** Greg Farmer Don Ganiere  
Chuck Schafer Monte Ricci

**Absent:** Jeff Newbury Tim McTaggart

**Guests:** Steve Burns

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm
2. Opportunity for public input: No input was given.
3. The agenda was approved MSP: Greg Farmer/Don Ganiere
4. Minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting were approved MSP Don Ganiere/Greg Farmer
5. Electrical Inspectors Report for April-June 2014.
  - a. Electrical License Renewals- 24
  - b. New Electrical Licenses Issued- 9
  - c. Test administered- 9
  - d. Test passed- 1
6. Old Business- Mr. Ganiere provided updated language that needed to be changed in the city's electrical code to comply with the 2014 edition of the NEC. A copy was given to all members to review and approve at the next meeting.
7. New Business- Mr. Ganiere introduced the topic of new homes that are sprinkled, and the possibility of relaxing the arch-fault requirement. Discussed was the fact that less than 15% of fires are due to electrical failures with new homes, older homes (20 years or more) are 85%. Homes without sprinklers average \$45,000 in damages and sprinkled homes \$2,000 in damages. Also discussed was the cost of installation versus the cost of arch-fault-breakers.
8. **Next meeting date: October 15, 2014**
9. **Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted: Chuck Schafer**