



MEETING MINUTES

Ottawa Electrical Commission

Date: January 18, 2012

Attendees:

Chuck Schafer Don Ganiere
Arnie Bandstra Greg Farmer
Jeff Newbury Steve Burns
Tim McTaggart

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.
2. Opportunity for public input: discussed five questions of clarification of NEC code and City Ordinance asked by Steve Burns
3. The agenda was approved by common consent.
4. Minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting were approved. MSP: Ganiere/Newbury
5. Electrical Inspector's Report for Oct-Dec 2011
 - a. Electrical License renewals – 178
 - b. New Electrical Licenses Issued – 12
 - c. Total current licenses -
 - d. Tests administered – 19
 - e. Tests passed – 9
6. Discussions:
 - a. Concerns about electrical work being done in industrial plants by in-house staff with out permits and inspections. There needs to be public awareness of the law, the need and the value.
 - b. Schafer and Sutfin both report too many projects with permits still do not call for inspections. Discussed the possibility of fines, refundable deposit or ordinance change to enforce inspection requirements.
 - c. There is much confusion among electricians about the service entrance requirements regarding conduit expansion, material, protection and what is allowed or required by Ameren and City Ordinance. A letter will be prepared to ask Ameren to allow pedestal

style entrance as was done until recently consistent with the City of Ottawa code. Seek concurrence from other jurisdictions if possible.

d.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm. MSP: Newbury/Farmer

Respectfully submitted: Arnie Bandstra