
DATE: June 30, 2022

TO: Depot Network – Permit Holders & Staff

RE: **Code of Conduct Consultation**

In February 2022, the BCMB asked stakeholders to complete an online survey regarding a draft Code of Conduct. The requirement for a Code of Conduct is outlined in the Depot By-law and is viewed as an important tool to help ensure transparency in our industry related to how we conduct business and interact with fellow stakeholders and depot customers. The BCMB Board of Directors asked that industry be consulted on the draft Code. We received 143 responses from industry, the majority from depot permit holders. The BCMB would like to thank you for participating in the survey and for providing valuable feedback that will help form next steps in this process.

Consultation Feedback Results

The majority of feedback indicated that the depot network was not supportive of the Code of Conduct as presented by the BCMB, framing the Code as an over-reach in regulation. Some depot permit holders identified a need to have the Alberta Bottle Depot Association (ABDA) consulted prior to the depot network; however, others expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate. Additionally, there was little to no appetite for an industry-wide Code of Conduct. There were also some who felt a Code of Conduct was reasonable and would have no concerns if it were applied to the depot network.

Post Consultation

After receiving the feedback from the consultation process, the BCMB met with the ABDA to continue discussions with a goal of better understanding the ABDA perspective and to identify next steps. We would like to thank the ABDA for actively participating in all parts of the consultation.

Possible Next Steps

The BCMB will continue discussions with the ABDA on potential next steps related to a Code of Conduct. By-law enhancements will also be considered by the BCMB to support our regulatory role. There were some items that consultation participants felt were better suited to by-law than a Code of Conduct. The BCMB will explore these opportunities with stakeholders.



Timeline

The BCMB anticipates work on this issue will continue over the next 12 months. We will continue to provide updates to the depot network as appropriate.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please direct them to Mark Emsden, Director, Compliance at 587-412-5622 or memsden@bcmb.ab.ca.

