



PWGSC - Real Property Branch PWGSC Fire Protection Program

Presentation to CFAA – Ottawa Chapter

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Fire Protection in the Public Service

Remains applicable

Treasury Board Secretariat 2010 - Fire Protection Standard

- Ultimate responsibility rests with Deputy Heads of Departments
- Departmental Fire Protection Coordinator
 - Designated by Deputy Head
 - Custodian and Employer Responsibilities
 - In PWGSC, the Fire Protection Coordinator is with Human Resources Branch however some functions are carried out by the Real Property Branch
 - As of April 1, 2014 the HRSDC-FPP ceased to offer services



Fire Protection in the Public Service

Previous to April 1, 2014

HRSDC-Fire Protection Program (FPP)

- Were responsible for:
 - Providing strategic advice to TBS with respect to implementation of the Treasury Board Standard
 - Guiding the real property community through development of guidelines and best practices
 - Preparing and issuing Fire Losses in Government of Canada Properties
 - Monitoring policy compliance and conducting risk-based oversight inspections on behalf of TBS
- Sometimes were also providing technical fire protection services to support custodian departments



HRSDC-Fire Protection Program (FPP)

Previous to April 1, 2014

- In all PWGSC regions, FPP were an integral team member on PWGSC projects, and provided services at no cost to projects.
- The FPP structure included both Regional Offices and a Headquarters function
- Regional FPP Services were:
 - Project plan reviews and inspections
 - Engineering surveys
 - Consultation and advice
 - Participation in seminars, training, standards and best practices
 - Fire safety planning
 - Fire Investigations
 - Compliance inspections



HRSDC-Fire Protection Program (FPP)

Previous to April 1, 2014

- Headquarters FPP Services were:
 - Jurisdictional determination
 - Technical Interpretations
 - Development of Standards, Policies and Best Practices
 - Seminars and training
 - Evaluation of equivalents
 - Fire Safety Bulletins
 - Maintenance of Interdepartmental and National fire protection networks
 - Creation and maintenance of a National database tool for reporting purposes



Fire Protection in PWGSC

As of April 1, 2014

- The following roles rest with custodian departments and in PWGSC are delivered by:

By HRB

- Fire inspections of buildings and facilities
- Ensuring that real property complies with applicable Codes as custodian as part of fire inspections of buildings and facilities
- Ensuring conformance of fire protection equipment and systems relative to mandated inspections, testing and maintenance requirements of applicable codes
- Fire safety planning
- Fire incident investigations and reporting
- Reporting compliance to TBS (Current tool FA 2000 developed by FPP)



Fire Protection in PWGSC

As of April 1, 2014

- The following roles rest with custodian departments and in PWGSC are delivered by:

By RPB

- Project plan review and site reviews of construction works
- Ensuring that real property complies with applicable Codes as custodian on engineering related issues in fire protection as part of plan reviews and surveys
- Engineering surveys
- Consultation and advice on engineering related issues in fire protection



Fire Protection in PWGSC

As of April 1, 2014

- The following roles rest with Departments as employer and in PWGSC are delivered by:

By HRB

- Review and Approval of Fire Safety Plans and Emergency Evacuation Procedures
- Fire safety compliance monitoring inspections from employer perspective
- Investigation after a fire incident
- Annual reporting to TBS as per Policies and Standards



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Fire Protection Delivery Services Options

Options that PWGSC considered to deliver its Fire Protection Program

1. Establish In-house technical expertise
2. Retain Specialist Consultants on standing offer.
3. Rely on Municipal Building Departments
4. Hybrid Option

High level in-house technical services with widespread engagement of specialist consultants.



Option chosen by PWGSC - Hybrid Option

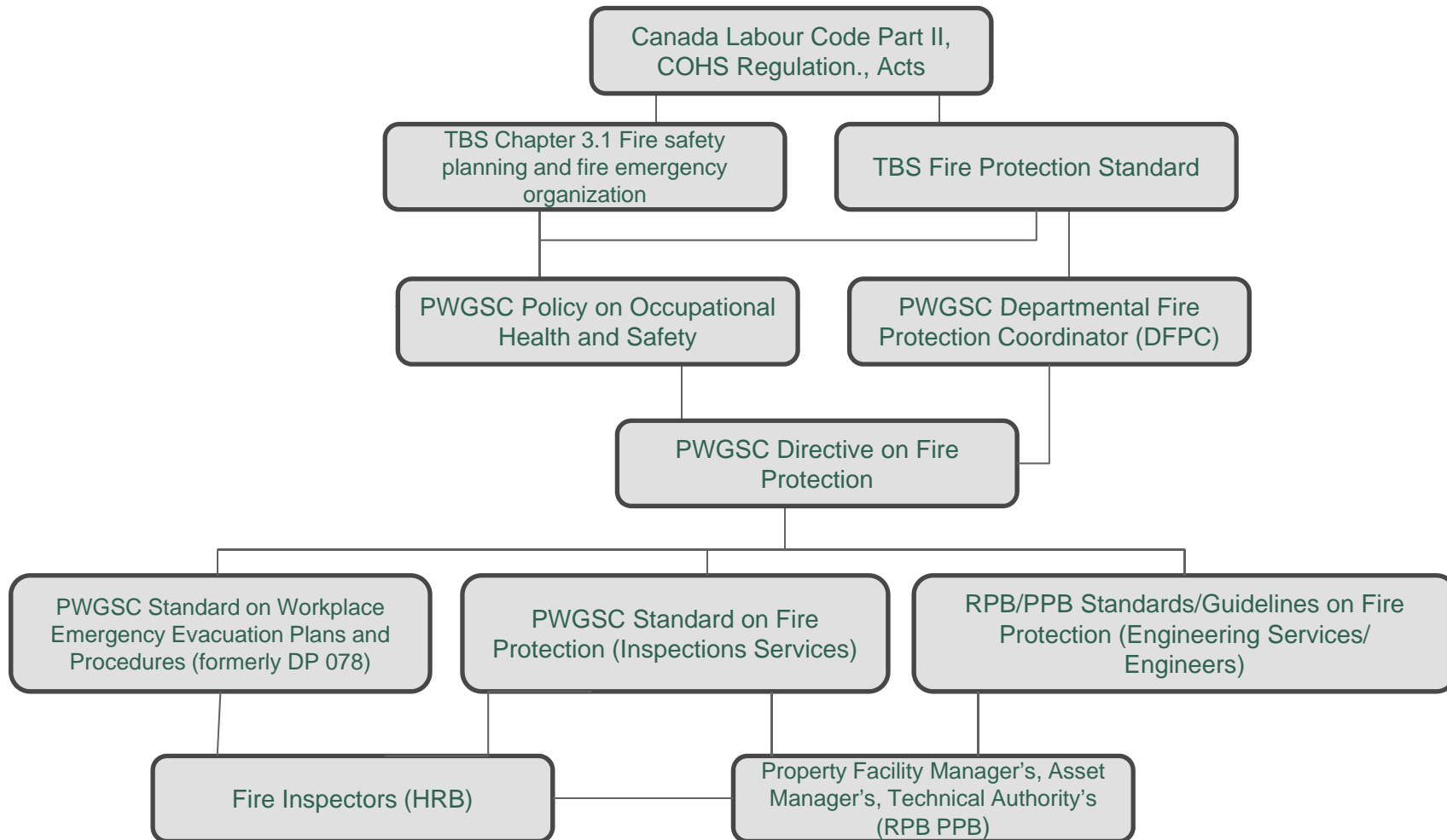
- A core team of in-house technical specialists supplemented by specialist fire protection/code consulting firms on standing offer.
- Will require moderate effort by PWGSC to manage output of various consultants
- Allows for flexibility of service offerings depending on available resources
- In line with corporate real estate model and service management strategy

Chosen option for PWGSC

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Fire Protection Governance



Conclusion

- FPP services are important to PWGSC as part of due diligence
- Continuation of services following the FPP transition from HRSDC to PWGSC is a priority



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