



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Wednesday, April 19, 2017, teleconference: 7:30am – 9:00am

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### Attendees

Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
Vice chair:	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
Members:	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Matthew Jelavic, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)
	Daniel Liao, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	Angel Serah	Student representative
	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative
Staff Advisor:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Regrets:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Student and Government Liaison Programs
	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Bill Allison, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO)

### 1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:34 am

### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Gabe Tse seconded the motion. All approved.

Minutes of the March GLC meeting was tabled to the next meeting as there are some changes.

Review of Action items: Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. The action item ‘Develop criteria for when PEO participates in MPP fairs as part of GLP’ is still to be completed and is tabled to the next meeting.

### 3. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

Jeannette Chau provided highlights from the March 28<sup>th</sup> GLP Chair Engagement call. The following items were covered: Update on the status of the Burden Reduction Act (Bill 27) and the Repeal of the Industrial Exception; GLP Activities in light of the new political fundraising rules that came in effect as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017; the line-up of the 2017 Regional GLP Academies; the GLP Engagement Scorecard; Take Your MPP to Work Days; and open discussion. During the open discussion a question was asked regarding whether Councillors can participate on GLP committees. The answer is no, PEO Councillors may not also be members of a local chapter GLP committees or any other

chapter committee or chapter executive. PEO Councillors may participate in chapter events, but may not be members of chapter committees.

A decision was made to hold the Northern Region GLP Academy on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> the day after the PEO AGM in Thunder Bay. This would help reduce travel costs and make it convenient for some chapter attendees. Due to the short timeframe to prepare for the logistics, invitations, follow-up and agenda, and since this was the first Regional Academy for the year so that all new presentations needed to be prepared, this took up a fair amount of activity in April.

Jeannette Chau updated the GLC on the Repeal of the Industrial Exception status. The Repeal had been on the agenda of the in-camera session of the March Council meeting. During the session, Council decided to defer discussion on this item since their agenda was quite full and they did not have time. The GLP chairs have been instructed by Jeannette to express disappointment in the cancellation of the Repeal, but not to actively meet with MPPs on this issue. PEO is moving forward on other initiatives and will work with the Ministry of Labour on setting up better information reporting to PEO and establishing regular meetings to work together on items of public safety.

Howard Brown commented that the highlights report on the GLC in the 2016 PEO Annual Report which will be distributed at the PEO AGM was excellent.

**Action: Jeannette Chau to send a copy of the 2016 PEO Annual Report to the GLC**

#### **4. Report from Partners**

**Engineers Canada:** No new updates. Working on follow ups with the MPs after the meetings.

**Action: Rakesh Shreewastav to forward the package of issues that were presented to MPs, to the Regulatory Issues sub-committee.**

**Rakesh to find out if MP Dan Rusnek has met with Engineers Canada, prior to the PEO AGM.**

**CEO:** Bill Allison was not present, but had reported to Darla Campbell prior to the meeting that there were no major changes to the activities presented last month. CEO held the Ontario Consulting Engineers Awards gala on April 7, 2017. There were 16 award winners, many of them for public sector projects. Darla Campbell suggested that it was good for GLP chairs to know the types of projects that are being worked on in the province and asked that if there is any documentation on the CEO award winners, that they be forwarded to the GLP Chairs and to the GLC for their information.

Warren Turnbull mentioned that CEO has been helping with PEAK program and PEO is in discussions with CEO on the program.

**Action: Jeannette Chau to forward to the GLC and GLP Chairs any documentation on the Ontario Consulting Engineers Awards gala award winners**

## **ESSCO:**

University of Ottawa & Carleton held their wine & cheese. The ESSCO AGM is being held on June 1-4<sup>th</sup>. At the request of ESSCO, Howard Brown has invited MPP Catherine Fife to attend.

**OSPE:** Matthew Jelavic provided an update on OSPE activities. OSPE has just closed their election process and will announce their new board shortly. OSPE's Queen's Park MPP reception is being held on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The OSPE AGM will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## **5. Report from sub-committees and approval of Terms of Reference**

Regulatory Issues sub-committees – the sub-committee met on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A new GLP Info Note on the PEAK program was reviewed. Some changes are being made as well as some questions regarding PEAK. An update on the *Burden Reduction Act* was given. There is no new information on CETA impacts.

Audit Implementation plan sub-committee – to be addressed under separate item.

Queen's Park Day sub-committee – no activities. Angel Serah will chair this sub-committee.

GLP Chair Engagement – the quarterly GLP Chair Engagement call was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Items were covered above. Daniel Laio brought up the fact that there were some issues regarding the sound quality of the call since it was difficult to hear at times. It was believed that the problem was due to someone not muting their phone despite several requests to the group to do so. Jeannette Chau is looking into options to mute callers. This is difficult since the two co-chairs of the call are in different locations from the moderator, so if the line is muted, they will be muted as well. The co-chairs have offered to come to PEO HQ for the next GLP chair engagement call and hold it on-site together.

Enhanced Government Outreach – Daniel King will chair this working group. He will circulate a Doodle poll to set up a first meeting and will send the request to all of the GLC. The group will look at new innovative or different ways to enhance government relations.

**Action: Daniel King to set up the first meeting of the Enhanced Government outreach working group**

Training Advisory group – has not met

**Action: Jeannette Chau to initiate a first meeting of the Training Advisory training group.**

## **Sub-committee Terms of Reference**

A package of proposed Terms of Reference was presented to the committee for approval. It was decided that not all the groups needed to be sub-committees, and that some could be working groups

that are brought together on an as-needed basis to work on short term projects. The following are the GLC sub-committees and working groups:

- Regulatory Issues sub-committee
- Queen's Park Day sub-committee
- GLP Audit Implementation Plan sub-committee
- GLP Chair Engagement working group
- Enhanced Government Outreach working group
- Training Advisory working group

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to approve the Terms of Reference that were developed for the GLC sub-committees and working groups. Daniel King seconded the motion. All present approved.

#### **6. New or other business**

GLP Audit Implementation Plan – the sub-committee met and decided that stakeholder consultation be done. Developed and identified two focus groups to look at – Council and GLP chairs. So far four GLP chairs have offered to participate. Members of PEO Council will also be asked to participate. The focus groups will be held on May 3, and May 10, 2107. Howard Brown asked to be an observer on the focus group calls. A GLP narrative/scenario writing meeting is being planned for May 3<sup>rd</sup> prior to the GLP Focus group call, in order to develop a narrative on what GLP will look like in five years. Members of Council will be asked to attend the GLC May face-to-face meeting for peer review of the GLP Audit Implementation plan.

**Action: Jeannette Chau to extend a request to Council to participate in the May 16 GLC face-to-face meeting to provide peer review input.**

#### **7. Next meeting and adjournment**

The next GLC meeting will be held **face-to-face on Tuesday May 16, 2017, 6:00-9:00 pm (dinner: 6pm; Meeting: 6:30pm)**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.