



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:00-9:00pm (Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7pm);

Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

Attendees

Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
Vice chairs:	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
Members:	Daniel Liao, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee
	Daniel Liao, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative (via teleconf)
Ex-officio:	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative (via teleconf)
	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs
Regrets:	Jeremy Carkner, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Patrick Sackville	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (interim rep)
	Angel Serah	Student representative

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Nick moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Tim Kirkby seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Warren Turnbull moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 21st, 2017 GLC meeting.
Gabe Tse seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

3. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

Jeannette Chau provided a report on the GLP activities.

- GLP meeting activity report – A presentation summary of the MPP meetings held as of November 30, 2017 was provided to the committee. There were twelve MPP meetings held in November, mostly community events or Licencing ceremonies. One was a joint OSPE PAN/PEO GLP constituency office meetings with MPP Yvan Baker. Two very successful Take Your MPP to Work Days were held on – November 9, 2017 hosted by Oakville chapter with MPP Kevin Flynn at Promotion Inc., and one on November 17th, 2017 hosted jointly by Mississauga and Kingsway chapter with MPP Peter Milczyn at Star Navigation. OSPE reps were invited and present at both

of them. Very favourable feedback from the MPPs were received. A copy of the activity report was provided with the Agenda.

- Regional GLP Academies – all Regional GLP academies have been completed for the year. The GLC will decide in January whether to hold Regional GLP academies again or a government liaison conference similar to the previous year.
- Actions on the Implementation Plan for GLP 2.0 – we are working on the implementation plan activities. The first GLP Chair quarterly newsletter has been developed and was sent out to all the GLP chairs on November 17th. The online GLP training module is now live and available on the website. There was an item to develop a GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program, so this will be a new GLP Info Note that needs to be worked on.
- A draft guideline for the GLP Weekly was presented. It was decided that additional detail would be helpful for the guidance. Howard Brown volunteered to work on it some more.

Action: Howard to provide some input for changes to the draft GLP Weekly guideline

Action: GLP Implementation subcommittee to draft a new GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program

4. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada: Rakesh Shreewastav provided a report the meeting.
Copy of report attached.

CEO: Jeremy Carkner was absent but provided an email update on CEO activities.
Copy of report attached.

ESSCO:
Angel Serah was absent.
There are no new activities to report from ESSCO.

OSPE: Patrick Sackville was absent but provided an email update on OSPE activities.
Copy of report attached.

5. Report from subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – the subcommittee met on December 5, 2017 and reviewed updates from the Registrar’s report that dealt with any upcoming regulatory items. Bill 177, an Act to implement Budget measures and to enact and amend various statutes, passed in the house and received Royal Assent on December 14, 2017. The bill amends the *Professional Engineers Act* to establish a mandatory continuing professional development program for engineers; require that disciplinary information about engineers be included in the register of licensed engineers and posted on PEO’s website; and includes proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code to allow for mandatory condition evaluations of specific buildings.

Attorney General Yasir Naqvi was a guest speaker at the PEO Discipline Committee. It was the first time that he has visited PEO.

Action: GLC to send any feedback on the text for the post card to Jeannette Chau

GLP Chair Engagement – Daniel Liao and Gabe Tse reported on the quarterly GLP chair call held on December 7th call. There were some concerns regarding the GLP Scorecard and how it might not be favourable in its scoring for the northern chapters. The GLP Chair Engagement subcommittee will look at ways to improve the Scorecard.

A meeting had been requested by West Toronto chapter regarding the GLP Scorecard. Darla Campbell, Warren Turnbull, Gabe Tse, Daniel Liao, Howard Brown and Jeannette Chau attended with West Toronto GLP chair Ammar Nawaz to discuss. There were suggestions on how to get the chapters more involved. Another meeting is planned in the new year.

Queen’s Park Day subcommittee –The event has completed and there is no additional information to report.

Training Advisory group – the online GLP training module is now live on the website and available for use. The presentation slides can be downloaded for reference, and a certificate is available upon completion of the course.

Action: Jeannette Chau to verify if a log-in id is required to be created before accessing the on-line training module.

Audit Implementation plan subcommittee

The GLP implementation items are currently being actioned according to the implementation plan. The subcommittee met on December 4 to discuss the CEO and OSPE letters and revisions to the draft response. Revisions are being made and will be presented to the executive leadership. The draft response is to be presented at the February Council meeting for approval.

Enhanced Government Outreach –Development of draft text for a leave behind card was reviewed. The GLC was asked to provide any comments.

Action: GLC members are asked to review the draft text for the leave behind post card and provide them to Jeannette Chau.

6. New or other business

New Strategic Plan for PEO and how it impacts GLP

A copy of the new 2018-2020 PEO Strategic Plan was included in the meeting package and the committee’s attention was asked to review and see how the GLP activities can align with it.

Assignment of new ridings to chapters

The number of political ridings will be going up from 107 to 124 for the 2018 provincial election. The new ridings have been mapped geographically to the PEO chapter boundaries and assigned to the appropriate chapters. The new assignments were presented to the GLC. These will also be emailed to the chapters.

Scorecard revisions for 2018

The scorecard needs to be revised for 2018. This item is tabled to the January GLC meeting.

Strategy for provincial election

The provincial election is currently scheduled for June 2017. The GLC is asked to consider what involvement PEO will have and what direction to provide to the chapters. A suggestion was made to utilize social media and create a twitter hashtag to use. Need to check whether PEO can engage in that.

GLC HR

Darla Campbell and Daniel Liao are stepping down from the GLC effective December 31st.

The GLC recognized Darla Campbell and Daniel Liao for their contributions to the GLC and presented them with a certificate and letter of appreciation for their service.

An election was held for the position of GLC chair for 2018. Warren Turnbull was elected as chair of the GLC for 2018. Elections for the position of Vice-chair will be held in January.

7. Next meeting and adjournment

The next GLC meeting will be held **face to face on Tuesday January 16, 2018, 6:00-9:00 pm**

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Appendix:

Engineers Canada BG&E report (sent by Rakesh Shreewastav)

- 1. Parliament Hill Day:**
Upcoming on February 27, 2018
- 2. Nominations now open for 2018 Engineers Canada Awards:** apply online!. The deadline to submit nominations for the Awards is January 19, 2018. The winners will be presented with their awards at the Engineers Canada AGM in May 2018.
- 3. Are you an engineer returning to school? Apply for an Engineers Canada scholarship!** The Engineers Canada-Manulife scholarships are awarded to engineers returning to school to further their studies in an

engineering field, while the Engineers Canada-TD Insurance Meloche Monnex scholarships are awarded to engineers studying in a field other than engineering that complements their engineering practice

4. **Governor-in-Council appointment opportunities** for engineers. To maintain public confidence in government decision-making, the Government of Canada is committed to filling GIC positions with highly qualified candidates who reflect **Canada's diversity**.
5. December 1, 2017: Meeting with Gary Anandasangaree, Member of Parliament (MP, Scarborough-Rouge Park) and also a member of Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, and Indigenous and Northern Affairs.

CEO Update (sent by Jeremy Carkner)

Bill 142 – Construction Act (Act to amend the Construction Lien Act)

- Act is scheduled to receive third reading in the Legislature December 4th
- CEO was successful in having the vast majority of its members' issues favourably addressed in the legislation
- The Act would be implemented in phases over a period of time prescribed by the Ministry of the Attorney General given its nature and scope

Infrastructure Ontario

- CEO remains engaged with the agency on issues stemming from its Infrastructure/AFP and Real Estate Divisions including:
 - Procurement practices
 - Contract language
 - Project Pipeline
 - Industry market capacity
- CEO has been successful in achieving changes in the Real Estate VOR Agreement, permitting consultants to secure professional liability insurance for these projects
- Work continues to have these changes adopted as the new standard in the IO supplementary conditions for proposed real estate division agreements, beyond the VOR

Bill 6 – The Infrastructure for Jobs & Prosperity Act – Revised Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation

- No new information, CEO continues to wait for finalization of the proposed regulation
- Proposed regulation is working its way through internal approvals and if approved would be filed and posted to the e-laws website in the coming weeks
- Given the nature of the proposed new regulatory requirements municipal compliance would be gradually phased-in over time, likely a number of years

Ontario Long Term Infrastructure Plan (LTIP)

- CEO has played an active role in developing portions of the LTIP with provincial officials
- Government released "*Building Better Lives: Ontario's Long-Term Infrastructure Plan 2017*" on November 28th
- CEO will be working with officials to develop and implement means for effective execution of the plan, facilitating fulfillment of Ontario's infrastructure initiative over the coming years

OSPE Update (sent by Patrick Sackville)

Regarding Environmental and Climate Change Policy:

- OSPE's committee is undertaking new initiatives in 2018 including the formulation of an official statement on Climate Change and a climate resiliency submission to the Ontario Government in collaboration with OSPE's Stormwater Infrastructure Working Group.

Regarding Energy Policy:

- On November 21, OSPE issued ['Empower Ontario's Engineers to Obtain Opportunity'](#) a major energy report detailing a multi-billion-dollar loss (and opportunity) for Ontario ratepayers and our future innovation. Here's an [article run by the National Post](#) and a [video clip of Jonathan Hack on BNN](#).
- On November 25, [OSPE was referenced three times \(p.36 onward\) in the newly launched Ontario Progressive Conservative campaign platform titled 'The Peoples Guarantee'](#). Although OSPE's direct references were only in relation to energy policy, the document has a number of takeaways (positive and negative) for Ontario's engineering community—requiring further comparative analysis versus Ontario NDP and Liberal Party platforms (forthcoming)
- OSPE continues to participate as a partner and advisor to the Government of Ontario's Electric and Hydrogen Vehicle Advancement Partnership (EHVAP) program, delivering key engineering recommendations to support the province's target of 5 per cent market representation of Low Emission Vehicles (LEVs) such as electric and hydrogen fuel cell cars. Funding for partners to deliver awareness programming is forthcoming.
- OSPE will be undertaking thought-leadership symposiums and public awareness campaigns in partnership with other EHVAP participants such as General Motors Canada, Pollution Probe, and the Government of Ontario. Engineers are widely recognized as early-adopters of new technology and OSPE is going to leverage the experience of engineers interacting with LEVs to remove barriers to the consumer decision such as range anxiety, maintenance costs, charging infrastructure, and more. OSPE is awaiting the next round of meetings to determine when to expect our activities to commence.

Regarding Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Engineering:

- OSPE's Board of Directors approved the formation of an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee that will be Chaired by Rejeanne Aimey, P.Eng., MBA. [Solicitation for committee members was recently posted via OSPE's website and blog](#).

Regarding Women in Engineering:

- On December 4, MPP Des Rosiers delivered a formal statement at Queen's Park about OSPE's advocacy work to support women in engineering. S. Deitner, S. Perruzza, and J. Hack attended the presentation.
- OSPE's 30 by 30 co-champions, S. Deitner and S. Perruzza, as well as C. Kronfli, will be attending a two-day meeting in Ottawa organized by Engineers Canada in January 2018. The 30 by 30 champions from across Canada are expected to attend. S. Deitner, S. Perruzza, and C. Kronfli have participated in several conference calls Engineers Canada organized in the fall. These calls provided OSPE with an opportunity to share its efforts with the other champions, including the successes of the pilot mentorship program, new Breaking Barriers for Women in STEM project, and 2017 WEAC Fall Forum.

2018 Ontario Budget:

- OSPE will be making an oral presentation and a formal written submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs to communicate engineering interests with regard to the development of Ontario's 2018 budget. The policy recommendations in this document reflect feedback garnered through

OSPE's advocacy committees, as well as the feedback from an online election survey OSPE released in September 2017.

PAN:

- Happy to announce that OSPE completed 24 PAN meetings with MPPs in 2017.
- I recently had the pleasuring of joining PAN's Marilyn Spink and GLP's Tarun Biju with MPP Yvan Baker – one of the best joint-meetings I've been present for. Bravo, all.