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GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, December 15th, 2015, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

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Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
Vice Chair:	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
Members:	Ishwar Bhatia, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Hafiz Bashir, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Jonathan Hack, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)
	Bill Allison, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO)
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Charles Kidd, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Student and Government Liaison Programs
Staff Coordinator:	Gonzalo Pineros, EIT	PEO Coordinator, Student and Government Liaison Programs
Ex-Officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Guests:	Gerard McDonald	PEO Registrar
	Thomas Chong	PEO President
Regrets:	Bernie Ennis, P.Eng.	Ontario Centre for Engineering Public Policy (OCEPP)
	Rick Hilton, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Michael Chan, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee – Volunteers
	Angel Serah	Student representative

1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm

2. Selection of the Meeting Evaluator

Daniel King was selected to be the meeting evaluator for the GLC meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Jonathan Hack moved to approve the agenda. Hafiz Bashir seconded the motion. All present approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

Charles Kidd moved to approve the minutes of the GLC September 15, 2015 meeting. Ishwar Bhatia seconded the motion. All present approved.

5. Receive notes of November 17, 2015

Daniel King moved to receive the notes of the GLC November 17, 2015 meeting. Hafiz Bashir seconded the motion. All present approved.

Action: Darla Campbell to watch PEO video on Diversity.

6. Partner report

Engineers Canada (Rakesh Shreewastav) - Bridging Government & Engineers informs that there are six MPs that are P.Engs and one of them is a Cabinet Minister and one is a Parliamentary Secretary: The Honourable Navdeep Bains, MP Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development And Omar Alghabra, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for consular affairs. Engineers Canada has learned a lot from PEO's Queen's Park Day. They are also planning a Parliament Hill Day Reception, where previously they only scheduled 30 minute meetings with MPs.

OSPE (Jonathan Hack) - Held a board meeting on December 9. There will be 4 new directors for election. Jonathan has served as Treasurer this past year and will run for Vice Chair. A new initiative is that OSPE will seek funding from government programs for advocacy initiatives. OSPE is looking at initiatives such as a Research and Innovation task force. OSPE is working on an entrepreneurship initiative with PEO Ottawa chapter and is looking at educational partners in the province of Ontario. OSPE is also involved in GTHA infrastructure activities. OSPE is hosting a Christmas part on Dec 17th at the Ajax Convention Centre. On Nov 28th, WEAC hosted a conference at York University at the Lassonde School of Engineering.

ESSCO - Jeannette Chau informed that ESSCO's First Year Integration Conference (FYIC) will be held at Ryerson University on Feb 6 and 7, 2016.

CEO (Bill Allison) (See Appendix A for full report)

The Construction Lien Act (CLA) Review is approaching the conclusion of its second of three phases. CEO held a lobby day at Ottawa City Hall on November 24th with a focus on procurement policy. CEO helped lead the organization of the Construction Design Alliance of Ontario's (CDAO) inaugural political fundraising event Wednesday November 16th for Minister Duguid. CDAO is planning a similar event for the Official Opposition. CEO is preparing to participate in the government's pre-budget consultations early in the New Year. CEO attended PEO's town hall meeting on Nov 26th to discuss CPD. CEO strongly supports the CPD initiative and urged PEO to push on with implementation.

7. Repeal of the Industrial Exception update and discussion

An update and discussion on the cancellation of the Repeal of the Industrial Exception was held with Gerard McDonald, PEO Registrar, and President Thomas Chong present.

Background/Highlights

On November 26th PEO was advised by the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Brad Duguid's office that the cancellation of the proclamation of the Repeal of the Industrial Exception would be announced in the Fall Economic Update the next day. PEO had not been informed or consulted about this prior to then. Later that evening Minister Duguid participated in a conference call with PEO.

PEO advised all members on November 27th and requested a letter writing campaign. PEO issued a news release and sent a letter to the Premier. Engineers Canada sent a news release in support of PEO. PEO also met with opposition parties to inform them.

The Executive Committee of PEO met on December 3rd and decided to temporarily suspend PEO activities with the Liberal party, and directed that a Response Strategy be prepared for review and discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting prior to submitting it to the February 5th Council meeting.

PEO informed the GLP Chairs to temporarily suspend activities with Liberal MPPs. The suspension was lifted on Dec 14th and normal activities restored.

President Thomas invited GLC to submit recommendations in a briefing note to the Executive Committee for their meeting on January 19th.

ACTION: The GLC to provide a briefing note to the Executive Committee with recommendations on the strategy for the industrial exception.

8. Brainstorming session to plan for 2016 with engagement by subcommittees

The mandate of the GLC was discussed as an item from the previous meeting. Charles Kidd highlighted that the GLC has been providing an oversight to GLP activities such as Queen's Park Day Receptions, Academies, Take your MPP to work Days, but has not been involved in any with issues such as Elliot Lake, Industrial Exception, Fairness Commission, and Building Code etc.

Darla Campbell highlighted that the GLC regulatory issues subcommittee does discuss these issues and perhaps the subcommittee can bring them into full discussion with the GLC. The Work Plan 2016 was included in the meeting package and the Terms of Reference are listed on page 1. This is a good reference for us to stay on track.

Suggestions for GLC focus in 2016:

- Include regulatory issues discussions (from subcommittee) in the GLC meetings.
- Move the partner reports to the beginning of the meeting.
- Look at where we can add more value and bring more to PEO Council
- Central database of meetings with MPPs (already underway with reporting form)
- Jeannette Chau provided update on the NEW on-line GLP training modules for GLP chairs to roll out in 2016. There will be three 20-minute modules. It would cover the basic GLP training delivered at the beginning of the GLP academy.
- Jeannette Chau and Darla Campbell suggested a GLP central conference in 2016 instead of GLP Regional Academies. The regional academies would resume in 2017. GLP hosted its first conference in the fall of 2011 which included speakers from other regulated professions such as the nurses (RNAO).
The conference would be followed by the 2016 Queen's Park Day MPP reception afterwards on October 26. Good discussion including: importance of venue, topics like how important engineers are in the policy making process, how to motivate chapters and GLP chairs, whether a joint event between GLP (PEO) and PAN (OSPE) makes sense, how to mobilize engineers to speak with one voice, how to maintain visibility.
- GLC to meet 3rd Tuesday of every month. Face to face meetings from 7 to 9pm. Conference calls at 4:30pm to 6pm.

9. Other business

No other business was raised.

10. Meeting evaluation

Daniel King provided an evaluation of the meeting to the GLC.

11. Next meeting

The next GLC meeting is face-to face at PEO on Tuesday January 19, 2016 6:00pm-9:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Appendix A

CEO Government Relations Activity Report to PEO GLC

- The Construction Lien Act (CLA) Review is approaching the conclusion of its second of three phases. CEO is preparing to meet with Review Counsel.
- CEO municipal government relations activity has seen association staff plan and execute a successful inaugural lobby day at Ottawa City Hall in support of the Ottawa Chapter, Tuesday November 24th.
- CEO staff and Ottawa Chapter member delegations met with and were well received by Councillors and staff representing 16 Wards, plus senior city staff during face-to-face meetings throughout the afternoon.
- The success of this event, along with the October Queen's Park Day have provided CEO with another tool through which to pursue its advocacy agenda.
- CEO helped lead the organization of the Construction Design Alliance of Ontario's (CDAO) inaugural political fundraising event Wednesday November 16th. Held for Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Minister, Brad Duguid, the event was a well-executed and well-attended success, raising mid-5 figures for the Minister. CDAO is planning a similar event for the Official Opposition.
- CEO is preparing to participate in the government's pre-budget consultations early in the New Year.
- CEO attended town hall meeting organized by PEO to discuss CPD. CEO strongly supports the CPD initiative and urged PEO to push on with implementation.