



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Via Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

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

### 1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 4:35 pm

### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes was not done as quorum was not present.

### 3. Partner reports

#### OSPE (Jonathan Hack)

The following report was submitted to the GLC via email.

**New Staff:** OSPE has hired a new policy analyst to work with Lee’s team. The purpose here is to work with QP on advocacy initiatives in partnership with other organizations. Patrick Sackville worked with Tim Hudak most recently, but has experience working at NRC and other academic institutions.

**Advocacy Initiatives:** OSPE has an ongoing collaboration initiative with the PEO Ottawa chapter where OSPE is funding some activities in entrepreneurship for engineers. We would like to do more on this – but don’t currently have the resources, so we are looking for funding partners.

OSPE continues to see opportunities with new immigration to Canada, and support for foreign trained engineers. Also opportunities for female engineering mentorship initiatives.

Women in Engineering: WEAC is working on advocacy / recognition for women engineers on Canadian government currency. This is something that was announced by the Trudeau government in late January. I think the timing of the new currency launch is around 2018.

Queens Park Event: OSPE views our QP event as a success. The MPP turnout was very good (highest yet), and they seemed to appreciate the crisp nature of the communication on the soils issue. While soils is probably not the most glamorous issue to talk about – it did stimulate some interesting conversations.

GLP / PAN academy: I have kept Lee and Sandro up to speed on the planning for the GLP / PAN academy. Lee will be in touch with Jeanette to determine OSPE involvement in the event. OSPE still plans to hold their own QP advocacy event in 2017.

OSPE elections are in progress. Jonathan's term on the board is up but he is running again.

### **ESSCO (Serah Angel)**

The ESSCO AGM will be held the weekend of May 27<sup>th</sup> at Connestoga. The new ESSCO executive will be elected then.

### **CEO (Bill Allison)**

#### **Queen's Park Day**

- CEO's second annual Queen's Park Lobby Day is taking place Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>
- The program for the day is in development and will include meetings with MPPs and staff as well as an evening reception

#### **Independent Review of the *Construction Lien Act & Prompt Payment***

The review is in the report writing stage

- Review Counsel has asked for and received an extension to the deadline for submission of its expert report and recommendations to the government
- The report will now be submitted to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment & Infrastructure and Attorney General of Ontario on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- CEO has secured Review Counsel, Bruce Reynolds, as luncheon keynote speaker at its AGM Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the review and recommendations

#### **Bill 6 – *The Infrastructure for Jobs & Prosperity Act***

- CEO continues to work with the government of Ontario to further define specific elements of this framework legislation

#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment System Reform**

- CEO is soliciting input from members to provide advice to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- The municipal class environmental assessment process is currently delays projects 28 months, interfering with the province's infrastructure investment plans

- CEO will provide Minister's staff with recommendations to streamline the process and clear the current backlog

#### **Litigation Exclusion**

- CEO members are noting an increasing trend of municipalities and regional governments using litigation exclusion policies to try and manage risk
- Concern is growing that this is becoming more of a punitive tool rather than risk mitigation policy
- Members are ineligible to respond to RFQs & RFPs if in any way involved in a litigation with a growing number of municipalities or regional governments
- CEO will be pursuing this issue at the provincial and municipal level

#### **Municipal Engineers Association/Consulting Engineers of Ontario Standard Agreement**

- CEO has worked with MEA to update the standard agreement for engineering services
- A marketing plan for the renewed agreement is in development that will drive municipal engagement once complete

#### **City of Toronto – Broader Construction Association Consultation Group**

- CEO remains an active member of this consultative body working with City staff to address infrastructure policies and delivery

#### **EXPO2025 Bid**

- CEO has been invited to participate in a discussion about its potential involvement in supporting Toronto's EXPO2025 bid
- CEO will examine its involvement once initial discussions have taken place

#### **Engineers Canada (Rakesh Shrewastav)**

Rakesh was not present. Jeannette Chau spoke regarding the Engineers Canada Bridging Government & Engineers (BG&E) Contact Day as she participated in it as well. It was a very successful event with meetings held with 44 MPs to inform them about Engineers Canada and the engineering profession.

#### **4. Operational Plan Review**

- Darla Campbell reviewed the GLC Operational Plan and the status of the various items. We are on track.

#### **5. Strategy - Industrial Exception workplan**

A copy of the Industrial Exception workplan was presented to the GLC by Darla Campbell.

#### **6. Regulatory Issues update**

The two GLP Info Notes sent to the Registrar (one on Continuing Professional Development, and one on the Infrastructure Resilience Professional certification) were not sent to Council for approval. The Continuing Professional Development GLP Info Note needs to be revised due to the program name change. CPCP (CP<sup>2</sup>) is the new name of the program. The Infrastructure Resilience Professional GLP Info Note was deemed not PEO related.

**7. Repeal of the Industrial Exception update and discussion**

The Repeal Response Strategy was presented at Council in camera. It was approved by Council.

**8. Other business**

No other business was raised.

**9. Next meeting and adjournment**

The next GLC meeting will be face to face on Wednesday April 19, 2016, 6:00pm-9:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.