



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, PEO, 40 Sheppard Ave W (Dinner: 6:00, Meeting: 6:30 – 9:00pm)  
Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

### Attendees

Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
Members:	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative (via teleconference)
	Matthew Jelavic, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)
	Bill Allison, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO)
	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 (via teleconference)
	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
	Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.
Ex-officio:	Gerard McDonald, P.Eng.	PEO Registrar
Observer:	Matthew Jelavic, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)
Regrets:	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair

### 1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm

### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Daniel Liao seconded the motion. All approved.

Angel Serah made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 GLC meeting. Bill Allison seconded the motion. All approved.

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 GLC meeting. Angel Serah seconded the motion. All approved.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

### 3. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

Jeannette Chau provided a summary of the Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress. The session went very well and received positive comments at the end of the session. Topics covered were the changes to the political fundraising rules, PEAK, Take Your MPP to Work Days, Who's Who

in the Zoo, Writing workshop, GLP Scorecard, Achieving GLP Excellence, and a sharing of GLP activities completed and planned by each of the Northern region chapters. The Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress is planned for June 10<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa. Several Take Your MPP to Work Days are in the works.

**Action: Jeannette Chau to provide a list of 2017 completed and upcoming potential Take Your MPP to Work Days for the next GLC meeting.**

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

**Engineers Canada:** Rakesh Shreewastav reported on the Engineers Canada Bridging Government and Engineers (BG&E) activities. There are no new updates since BG&E has not met since the last GLC meeting. Jim Chisholm asked for information about the Engineers Canada program involving climate change. Rakesh Shreewastav informed him that it is the Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (PIEVC) that examines threats to Canada's infrastructure arising from climate change. There is an Infrastructure Resilience Professional designation which engineers can now obtain. More information can be found on the Engineers Canada website.

Warren Turnbull mentioned that the CASL (Canadian Anti-Spamming Legislation) which is changing as of July 1st, will make it difficult for PEO to communicate with PEO Chapters. PEO is implementing a new protocol in response to these changes that will affect how the Chapters communicate CEM's (Commercial electronic messages). Jim Chisholm suggested that this is a good issue for Engineers Canada to lobby government on PEO's behalf.

Howard Brown asked when the Engineers Canada Open Forum was being held. It is on May 26 in Newfoundland. The Agenda is posted on the Engineers Canada website.

**Action: Rakesh Shreewastav to send to the GLC any info on the Open Forum.**

**Action: Rakesh Shreewastav to forward the package of issues that was presented to MPs to during the Engineers Canada Contact Day on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to the Regulatory Issues subcommittee**

**CEO:** Bill Allison provided an update on CEO activities. The CEO AGM is on June 14 at the Royal Military Institute. Author Tony Bennett will be a special guest. He wrote a book about delivering infrastructure. CEO is going live with a new function – a Rapid Response task force. When members come in with issues, the task force will engage with that client within five days. This will allow their members to undertake work in a fair and equitable environment.

Update on Construction Lien Act – no change to the status from last month. Currently CEO is waiting for the government to respond back with the final proposal to decide whether CEO likes it or not. The biggest issue is on Prompt Payment rules and where the liabilities lie.

**ESSCO:**

Angel Serah provided an update on ESSCO activities. At the request of ESSCO, Howard Brown has invited MPP Catherine Fife to attend the ESSCO AGM in June. She is attending on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning. An MPP hasn't spoken at ESSCO in the last 13 years of ESSCO AGMs.

**OSPE:** Matthew Jelavic provided an update on OSPE activities. OSPE recently held their General Assembly and AGM. A new OSPE board was elected. Jonathan Hack is taking over as President. Matthew Jelavic is the new Vice-President.

This is Matthew Jelavic's last meeting with the GLC as he will be taking on his new OSPE role as Vice President. Jim Chisholm will become the new OSPE rep on GLC.

OSPE has passed amendments to their by-laws which will now allow non-licensed members to serve on the OSPE board. Professional engineer members of the board must make up more than 50% of the board composition. Daniel Liao asked if that meant an associate member might be selected to serve on GLC? Matthew Jelavic responded that this has not been considered yet. This will need to be a concern for next year's OSPE elections and appointments. It was noted that the GLC prefers that a P.Eng. from OSPE serve on the GLC and not a non-licensed member.

Jim Chisholm informed the GLC that the West Toronto chapter is looking at how OSPE and PEO can work together. An issue they are looking at is climate change. He will be going as an executive board member of the West Toronto chapter to the West Central Regional congress to see if they will support it. If so, the final result would be the adoption of some project that both PEO and OSPE can work on within their respective areas. Warren Turnbull commented to Jim Chisholm that he should bring out clearly what PEO's part will be in the project, for example, standard development.

Darla Campbell congratulated OSPE on the Spark the Fire conference held in North Bay. OSPE produces good reports, for example the recent Excess Soil report. It is good for GLC to be aware of them.

## **5. Report from subcommittees and approval of Terms of Reference**

**Regulatory Issues subcommittee** – the subcommittee met on May, 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.

**Action: The GLP Info Note on PEAK be placed on the next GLC agenda for June**

**Queen's Park Day subcommittee** – no activities to report. This subcommittee has not convened yet. Angel Serah will chair this subcommittee.

**GLP Chair Engagement** – no activities to report. The last quarterly GLP Chair Engagement call was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The next GLP Chair Engagement call will be held in June.

**Action: Jeannette to resend the document outlining the changes to the fundraiser rules and to GLP activities with read receipt.**

**Enhanced Government Outreach** – A meeting is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 8am. Daniel King is the chair of this working group. He invited other members of the GLC to join and participate as well.

**Action: Jeannette to send an invite to the entire GLC so that others may join the group or be on the May 30<sup>th</sup> call if they wish.**

**Training Advisory group** – has not met

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

### **Audit Implementation plan subcommittee**

Warren Turnbull provided an update on the GLP Audit Implementation Plan activities. The subcommittee has been working on the development of the GLP Implementation plan. The draft report will be reviewed in the Audit Implementation Plan Workshop later in this meeting. The following meetings were held in support of the Plan:

May 3 Vision Workshop of GLP 2.0

May 3 Focus group held with PEO Councillors

May 10 Focus group held with GLP chairs

May 15 Peer Review Legislation committee for Peer Review

May 27 Peer review at the Eastern Region Congress is planned

## **6. Audit Implementation Plan Workshop**

Darla Campbell reviewed the draft Audit Implementation report and focused on the Tracking the Enhancements of the Program chart on page 31. The need for a name change for GLC was discussed because the acronym is too similar and is confused with GLP.

Notes from the two GLP Focus groups that were held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with PEO Councillors and May 10<sup>th</sup> with GLP chairs, were distributed and reviewed by the GLC.

The GLP structure diagram was reviewed. A suggestion was made to add another box for others (OSPE, Engineers Canada, CEO, ESSCO)

A Peer Review presentation was held with the Legislation Committee (LEC). They will provide peer review comments back to the GLC. It was discussed that if PEO needs to mobilize the GLP, then LEC must give the GLC a lead time of six months so that the GLC has time to develop strategy.

Bernie Ennis can provide us with insight into emerging issues.

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to approve that the GLP Audit Implementation Plan and Report be accepted in principal, and to authorize the GLP Audit Implementation Plan committee to make final adjustments and submit them to PEO Council. Angel Serah seconded the motion. All approved.

Darla Campbell would like to hold a rehearsal/feedback session on the presentation that is being developed for the Council Plenary on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Action: Jeannette to arrange a GLC rehearsal/feedback session on either June 8<sup>th</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **7. New or other business**

Key messages for next quarter – Howard Brown stated that this is an active time for political parties as they are developing their platforms for the upcoming 2018 provincial election. It is an idea for a possible area for participation. The political parties are working hard on recruiting candidates. We can encourage our members to run for election. Another area that our members should be aware of that keeps MPPs up at night is how they are going to fundraise now considering the changes to the fundraising rules. A key message therefore could be “Get engineers involved. Be visible, be friendly, donate.”

Gerard McDonald asked how do you get people on the party policy platform committees. These are usually people who are members of the political party. PEO could identify engineers who belong to each party whom we can put on the party policy platform committees.

PEO Chapters could help look for these people.

**Action: The GLC to look into this suggestion.**

#### **8. Next meeting and adjournment**

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconference on Tuesday June 20, 2017, 7:30-9:00 am**

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Daniel Liao.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.