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GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 6:00-9:00pm (Dinner: 6:00pm, Meeting: 6:30pm)

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 Liao, P.Eng.	GLP Chair	
	Jim Chisholm, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)	
	Bill Allison, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO)	
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer	
	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor	
	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee	
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative	
	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair	
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative	
	Daniel Liao, P.Eng.	GLP Chair	
	Ex-officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
	Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Student and Government Liaison Programs
	Regrets:	Angel Serah	Student representative
Guests:	Sandro Peruzza	OSPE, CEO	
	Jonathan Hack, P.Eng.	OSPE, Chair	
	Patrick Sackville	OSPE, Lead, Policy and Government Relations	
	Barry Steinberg, P.Eng.	CEO, CEO	
	Rex Meadley, P.Eng.	CEO, Chair	

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Nick Colucci moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Daniel King seconded the motion. All approved.

Nick Colucci made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 20th, 2017 GLC meeting. Warren Turnbull seconded the motion. All approved.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

The GLC Operational Plan was reviewed.

3. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

Jeannette Chau provided a report on the GLP activities.

- Regional GLP Academies - Planning is underway for the Western Region GLP Academy occurring on October 21st. Georgian Bay chapter is the host. The location will be the Benmiller Inn in Goderich. Lisa Thompson, MPP has confirmed her attendance at it. The East & West Central Region GLP Academy is on December 2nd. No activity is planned on that until later in October after the Queen's Park Reception is completed.
- GLP Info Note – the GLP Info Note on PEAK has been issued. It is now posted on the PEO website on the GLP webpages. No other GLP Info Notes are being worked on at this time
- Take Your MPP to Work Days – a summary of the Take Your MPP to Work Days completed and those in the works was provided to the committee. We have completed five Take Your MPP to Work Days to date.
- Meetings with MPPs – A presentation summary of the MPP meetings held to date was given to the committee
- Actions on the Implementation Plan for GLP 2.0 – Jeannette Chau provided a summary of the GLP Implementation Plan activities completed to date. We are currently on track.

4. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada: Rakesh Shreewastav reported on the Engineers Canada Bridging Government and Engineers (BG&E) activities. A copy of his report is attached in Appendix A.

CEO: Barry Steinberg, CEO of Consulting Engineers of Ontario provided an update. Bill Allison will be stepping down as the representative on the GLC as he is facing time constraints due to his increased responsibilities with CEO. CEO will advise when a replacement has been named. CEO's Queen's Park Day is coming up in the latter half of October. Advocacy work they have been engaging in has revolved around the new regulation for Municipal Asset Management Planning. There was some wording in the regulation that states all plans must be stamped by an engineer. CEO is not in favour of the wording and is confident that the wording will be changed. CEO is also putting their advocacy efforts in the direction of the Ministry of Finance. Ministries are putting in indemnification clauses into the contracts that are onerous and unreasonable. The Construction Lien Act changes are coming and there are payment issues, e.g. 30 day payment. The issue is that engineers cannot certify work within 30 days, and invoices will not be paid until the work is certified. There are also proposed changes to the small business tax which CEO is working with ACEC to advocate against on behalf of their members.

ESSCO:

Angel Serah was not present, however sent in her report on ESSCO as follows:

The Queen's Park Day invitations have been sent out to ESSCO. The President of ESSCO will be sending a designate in his stead.

OSPE:

OSPE Chair Jonathan Hack provided an update on behalf of OSPE. The OSPE representative on the GLC, Jim Chisholm, has resigned from the GLC. There is no replacement at this time. Advocacy items that OSPE has been working on are Infrastructure, the Ring of Fire, Women in Engineering, Research and Innovation. OSPE will be having a Board meeting on their Advocacy scorecard.

5. Report from subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – the subcommittee met during the summer and recently on September 6th, 2017. The subcommittee discussed messaging and key messages for GLP chairs, received updates on the status of the Elliot Lake recommendations, the conflict with the Building Code table, and PEO has been working with the Ministry of Labour. Rakesh Shreewastav gave an update on C29 regarding the Railway Safety Act that Engineers Canada is tracking. Howard Brown suggested that we watch Queen's Park in the coming days as there will be many new items that will be introduced into the legislature due to the upcoming provincial election.

GLP Chair Engagement – The upcoming GLP Chair Engagement quarterly call is scheduled for Tuesday September 26th, 4-5pm. GLP Scorecards, the PEO Queen's Park Day and key messages for it, upcoming Regional GLP Academies, and Take Your MPP to Work Days will be on the Agenda.

Queen's Park Day subcommittee – Angel Serah was not present however provided an update on the Queen's Park Day as follows:

- Queen's Park Day will be on Oct 4th from 5 - 7pm, at Queen's Park, rooms 228 and 230.
- Eventbrite invitations were developed and have been sent out
- Tours of Queen's Park have been arranged prior to the start of the reception for those interested
- Hardcopy invitations were distributed to the MPPs
- As of Sept 8th there were 21 MPPs confirmed, 5 Maybe's, 4 No's.
- The political speakers will be AG Yasir Naqvi and critics Randy Hillier, MPP (PC) and Gilles Bisson, MPP (NDP).
- The gift is a portable battery, in a box tied with PEO logo ribbon.
- Nominations for GLP MPP Awards and GLP Scorecards are being received.
- GLP chair talking points for Queen's Park Day are being prepared.
- We will also have Take Your MPP to Work Day poster boards for display again.

Training Advisory group – the working group will be reviewing the online training module. The timeline is to have it up on the PEO website by the end of the year.

Audit Implementation plan subcommittee

Warren Turnbull provided an update on the GLP Audit Implementation Plan. The subcommittee met to review the responses to OSPE and CEO's response letters to it. More on this will be discussed later on in the agenda.

Enhanced Government Outreach – no activities. Development of draft text for a leave behind card has been put on hold while GLP 2.0 is being worked through.

6. New or other business

Approval of the GLC Work Plan 2018 and HR Plan 2018

GLC Work Plan 2018 – A suggestion was made to change the wording in section to 'Maintain manual MPP Interaction Database' instead of 'Develop and launch MPP Interaction Database' since the online database will not be able ready in 2018. The funding was requested but not approved due to other IT projects with higher priority.

Nick Colluci made a motion to approve the GLC 2018 HR Plan. Warren Turnbull seconded the motion. All approved.

GLC HR Plan 2018 - A suggestion was made to change the wording regarding Gender Diversity to now read 'At least 1/3 gender balance' which the committee agreed to.

Warren Turnbull made a motion to approve the GLC 2018 Work Plan. Nick Colluci seconded the motion. All approved.

Approval of GLP Recognition awards for Queen's Park Day

Gabe Tse and Daniel Liao presented the recommendations for the GLP Recognition award as follows: York chapter was nominated for the Chapter GLP Recognition. Soo Wong MPP (Liberal), Gila Martow, MPP (PC), and Catherine Fife, MPP (NDP) were recommended for the MPP recognition. The committee was in agreement with the recommendations.

Action: Gabe Tse and Daniel Liao to develop a procedure for GLP Awards and present it at the next GLC meeting.

Discussion of the response to CEO and OSPE letters

A draft response to the OSPE and CEO letters regarding the GLP Implementation plan was distributed and reviewed at the meeting. Discussion was held with representatives from OSPE and CEO regarding their concerns to the GLP 2.0 Implementation Plan. The draft contained responses to each of the concerns raised by OSPE and CEO. The GLP Implementation Plan had been developed through the lens of the auditor and the 32 recommendations which was produced, and is meant to enhance the program and not as an expansion.

Bob Dony plans to speak with OSPE and CEO prior to presenting to Council at their Nov meeting.

7. Next meeting and adjournment

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconference on Tuesday October 17, 2017, 7:30-9:00 am**

Tim Kirkby moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gabe Tse. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Appendix A: Engineers Canada Update (submitted by Rakesh Shrewastav, P.Eng.)

1. After a very successful year of MP engagement this year, Engineers Canada is in the process of preparing for next parliament hill session in March 2018.
2. Presentations on the Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee Protocol (PIEVC) and the Infrastructure Resilience Professional certification were delivered at a meeting with **Public Works and Procurement Canada**. Information was taken well and supported. Currently planning for a follow-up meeting to discuss further.
3. Staff met with the **Employment, Workforce Development and Labour** Minister's Office to discuss diversity in the engineering profession, specifically Indigenous peoples' access to engineering. Information was taken well and it tied directly into the government's announcement of \$5 million to support initiatives that will help First Nations students pursue and complete their studies. Currently planning for a follow-up meeting with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.
4. Engineers Canada has submitted its pre-budget recommendations to the **House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance** for its consideration in developing the 2018 federal budget. The submission included six recommendations that impact the engineering profession and that Engineers Canada believes would enable Canadians and Canadian businesses to be more productive and competitive. [The full pre-budget submission is available on the Engineers Canada website](#). Since the submission of our pre-budget submission, staff have met with many federal ministries regarding our recommendations.
5. Engineers Canada submitted its recommendations to the **House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities** to be considered in amending Bill C-49. The submission includes three targeted recommendations to Canada's Railway Safety Act that focus on clearly defining the term "engineering principles" within Section 11 of the Railway Safety Act; supporting the inclusion of professional engineers in the entire life cycle of railway infrastructure; and, ensuring that rail infrastructure in Canada can adapt to Canada's changing climate. The submission was formally posted on the Transport Committee website on September 12th, 2017.
6. Engineers Canada was invited to provide verbal testimony to the HoC Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on September 11, 2017. Testimony was taken positively by the committee.
7. Engineers Canada to participate in expert panel on adapting to climate change. The Government of Canada announced last week that it is convening the Expert Panel on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Results to advise the government on measuring Canada's progress in building its resilience to climate change. The panel will be chaired by Blair Feltmate, Head of the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation at the University of Waterloo. Engineers Canada's David Lapp, FEC, P.Eng., IRP, Practice Lead, Globalization and Sustainable Development, will sit on the panel.