



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 7:30-9:00 am via teleconference

Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

Attendees

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

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 am.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Tim Kirkby moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Gabe Tse seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tim asked about vacant positions on the committee. Warren responded that the positions have been filled and only need to be approved by Council.

Gabe Tse moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the last GLC meeting. Jeremy Carkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. Jeremy checked with CEO and their Queen's Park Day is 2 days before PEO's. CEO will be holding it on Oct 22nd. Unfortunately, this was the best time for CEO.

Provincial election questions for candidates - Two questions for PEO have been drafted. We will create one joint OSPE/PEO list. OSPE will produce three to four of the questions. PEO will produce two to three of the questions.

Action: GLC to review the PEO questions and send any comments to Jeannette Chau

Action: Jeannette Chau to work with Patrick Sackville to prime the production of the joint question list.

Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- GLP Info Notes – the GLP Info Note on Bill 177 was sent to Councillors via the Registrar’s report, then to all the GLP chairs and is also posted on the PEO website.
- Take Your MPP to Work Days – there were no Take Your MPP to Work days held in January or February. Howard Brown asked Jeremy Carkner if there were companies that CEO knows that might be interested in participating. Jeremy will check.
- GLP meeting activity report – A verbal summary of the MPP meetings held in February 2018 was provided to the committee. There was not much activity other than attending MPP levees and chapter events. There were a total of 23 MPP meetings held in February Year-to-Date, mostly community events or Licencing ceremonies. There was one joint OSPE PAN/PEO GLP meeting held in February.
- Actions on the Implementation Plan for GLP 2.0 – we are continuing to work on the implementation plan activities. We are currently working on the GLP chairs newsletter for first quarter of 2018. A guidance document for the GLP Weekly has been drafted by Howard. The action item to develop a GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program is still outstanding and still needs to be worked on. Howard Brown volunteered to develop it.

Action: Howard Brown to draft a new GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program

3. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada: Rakesh Shreewastav provided an update on Engineers Canada activities Hill Day 2018 -due to the federal budgets release date, Engineers Canada had to re-schedule it’s Hill Day until **April 24, 2018** from 9:00am-5:00pm. As per last year, this event will include an evening reception on Parliament Hill. All Ministers, members of Parliament and Senators and their staff have been invited to attend the reception. Engineers Canada is in the process of finalizing meetings for participants.

Federal Budget-on February 27, 2018, the Honourable Bill Morneau, Canada’s finance minister, tabled Budget 2018, *Equality and Growth: A Strong Middle Class*, in the House of Commons. Engineers Canada was invited by the Minister of Finance’s office to take part of the stakeholder lock-up. Engineers Canada was please with the announcements of; funding in STEM research, diversity and gender equality in STEM, a national climate date collection, and support for indigenous communities as it relates to infrastructure. A [press release](#) was issued and made available on Engineers Canada’s website, and full budget analysis will follow in the next week.

ESSCO: Angel Serah provided an update on ESSCO activities.

ESSCO has revised the use of the social media tag #EngineersofESSCO to now be #esscofutureengineers

Action: Angel to submit a profile to the ESSCO Friday Features profiles of engineering students

CEO: Jeremy Carkner provided an update on CEO activities.

Please see Appendix A for the CEO report.

OSPE: Patrick Sackville provided an update on OSPE activities

OSPE has been working on a new campaign, #EngineeringAlly, that they are planning to launch for the upcoming provincial election. They will be asking election candidates from all parties to sign an #EngineeringAlly pledge that if they are elected they promise to do the five things outlined in the pledge. The GLC discussed the campaign and ways they might provide support, for example, by asking our GLP representatives to help the OSPE PAN reps spread the #EngineeringAlly message and get the #EngineeringAlly pledge signed. GLP reps will accompany OSPE PAN reps where possible. More info on the campaign and copy of the pledge can be found on the website www.engineeringally.ca

Tim Kirkby moved a motion for the GLC to provide support via the GLP to the OSPE #EngineeringAlly campaign. Angel Serah seconded the motion. All approved.

Action: Jeannette Chau to work with Patrick Sackville to determine how GLP can support the #EngineeringAlly campaign.

4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

GLP Chair Engagement – the quarterly call with the GLP chairs was held on Thursday, March 8, 4:00-5:00 pm. Items that were covered were Chapters new riding allocations; Professional Engineers Day on March 1st; Take Your MPP to Work Days; upcoming provincial election; Queen’s Park Day and Government Relations conference; GLP scorecard; GLP chair questions. The GLP Scorecard needs to be revised for this year. A request was made for volunteers to work with the GLC to help modify the GLP Scorecard.

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – the subcommittee met on March 6, 2018 and reviewed updates from the Registrar’s report that dealt with any upcoming regulatory items.

The GLP Info note for Bill 177 has been completed, sent to Council, the GLP chairs, and posted on the website.

Most of the discussion revolved around brainstorming ideas for questions to be distributed to provincial election candidates prior to the June 7 provincial election. Two draft questions have been developed.

Queen's Park Day subcommittee –Committee has not met yet.

Date has been confirmed for October 24. Rooms have been booked at Hart House for the Government Relations conference being held during the day 8:30am -4:00pm) prior to the MPP reception at Queen's Park 5:00-7:00 pm.

Training Advisory group – no update.

Action: Gabe Tse and Nick Colluci to get together to look at training needs prior to the next GLC teleconference.

Audit Implementation plan subcommittee – Warren Turnbull

Council approved the revisions to the GLP 2.0 Implementation Plan report based upon the response letters from CEO and OSPE. The report was revised accordingly and sent to OSPE and CEO.

Enhanced Government Outreach –Howard Brown has developed some draft versions of the text for the Leave Behind Postcard. There is a need to have a small group review and come to a decision on the text.

Action: Jeannette Chau to set a meeting to review and decide upon the text.

5. New or other business

Committee membership roster update

The following are the memberships on the GLC sub-committees for 2018:

- **Regulatory Issues subcommittee:** Daniel King, Angel Serah, Warren Turnbull, Jeremy Carkner, Rakesh Shreewastav, Patrick Sackville
- **Enhanced Government Outreach:** Daniel King, Angel Serah, Warren Turnbull, Jeremy Carkner, Rakesh Shreewastav, Patrick Sackville
- **GLP Chair Engagement working group:** Gabe Tse
- **Queen's Park Day subcommittee:** Angel Serah, Tim Kirkby, Gabe Tse,
- **Training Advisory group:** Gabe Tse, Nick Colucci, Howard Brown
- **Audit Implementation plan subcommittee:** Warren Turnbull, Tim Kirkby, Patrick Sackville

Action: GLC members to let Jeannette Chau know if they wish to be on any of the subcommittees above

New 2018 GLC activities/operational plan (in alignment with the 2018-2020 PEO Strategic Plan)

Warren Turnbull suggested that a group be formed to review activities that GLC proposes to engage in during 2018 that are in alignment with the strategic plan. The members of the group would consist of those who are part of the GLP Audit Implementation committee, plus any others interested.

Action: Warren Turnbull to set up a conference call for this new group

6. Next meeting and adjournment

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconf. on Tuesday April 24, 2018, 7:30-9:00 am**

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 am.

APPENDIX

CEO Government Relations Activity Summary - PEO GLC

Ontario Budget

- Government will present its pre-election budget Wednesday March 28th

CEO 2018 Queen's Park Day

- CEO's annual Queen's Park Day has been scheduled for Monday October 22, 2018

Municipal Class Environmental Assessments

- Ministry of Environment & Climate Change is holding working group session with infrastructure stakeholders to discuss its efforts to update, improve, streamline its municipal class environmental assessment process

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

- First round of consultations pertaining to regulations for lien & holdback provisions were completed March 19th
- Government will publish completed regulations once feedback input has been analyzed
- New regulations will be in place and the corresponding portion of the Act will be proclaimed for the July 2018 deadline

Infrastructure Ontario – *Nothing new to report*

- CEO remains concerned with the agency's Infrastructure/AFP and Real Estate Divisions procurement policies including: Contract language, Project Pipeline, Industry market capacity
- CEO has been successful in achieving changes in the Real Estate VOR Master Agreement, but its contract supplementary conditions remain uninsurable

Bill 6 – *The Infrastructure for Jobs & Prosperity Act – Revised Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation – Nothing new to report*

- The Government of Ontario's new municipal asset management planning regulation (O. Reg. 588/2017 under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015) came into effective January 1st.
- New municipal compliance requirements will be phased-in over 6 years and in full effect July 1, 2024

Ontario Long Term Infrastructure Plan (LTIP) – *Nothing new to report*

- CEO has played an active role in developing portions of the LTIP with provincial officials
- 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