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GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Dinner 6:00-6:30pm, Meeting: 6:30pm – 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
Vice chair:	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
Members:	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	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
Via teleconference:	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Government Liaison Program
Observers:	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Blake Keidan	PEO Account Executive, Brown & Cohen
	Laura Casselman	PEO Account Director, Brown & Cohen
	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen

1. GLP Audit Implementation Plan Workshop

Prior to the formal portion of the GLC meeting, Darla Campbell led a workshop to review the proposed GLP Audit Implementation Plan from 6:30pm to 8:00

2. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Daniel King moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Matthew Jelavic seconded the motion. All approved.

Nick Colucci moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the GLC meeting held on February 21st, 2017. Bill Allison seconded the motion. All approved.

Review of Action items: Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. The action item 'Develop criteria for when PEO participates in MPP fairs as part of GLP' is still to be completed and is tabled to the next meeting.

Highlights of the GLC Operational Plan: Darla Campbell reviewed the highlights of the Operational Plan.

4. Report from Manager, GLP Program

Jeannette Chau reported on the GLP activities.

- Take Your MPP to Work: Scarborough chapter is planning a session at Bell with MPP Sue Wong.
- Burden Reduction Act: There were many MPP meetings held leading up to the committee hearings on the *Burden Reduction Act* (Bill 27) which included the cancellation of the Repeal of the Industrial Exception.

PEO presented at the committee hearing on February 22nd. The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) presented on February 23rd. The clause by clause review was held on February 27th. On March 2nd, Bill 27 was presented for Third Reading in the Legislature. Bill 27 was passed and the Repeal is now cancelled. A briefing note summarizing this has been prepared and will be presented at the PEO Council meeting on March 23rd.

- Regional Academies: Northern Regional Academy is scheduled for April 23rd, immediately following PEO's AGM. East/West Central will be hosted by York and Oakville. Western by Georgian Bay and Eastern by Ottawa. Dates to be established.

Council BN-GLP Activities under new fundraising rules: Jeannette Chau reviewed the guideline with the committee. It will be presented to PEO Council at the March 23rd meeting for any feedback from the Councillors prior to issuing to the GLP chairs.

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5. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada (Rakesh Shreewastav): On March 9th, 2017, Engineers Canada held their MP contact day with members of Engineers Canada and the Bridging Government and Engineers (BG&E) committee meeting with MPs and talking to them about Engineers Canada, what engineers do, and issues which Engineers Canada is working on. Two main topics were covered this year, which were Infrastructure Resilience, and promoting diversity and inclusion within the engineering profession such as via the Engineers Canada 30 x 30 initiative and the new maternity and parental leave guide, *Managing Transitions: Before, During and After Leave*.

A reception was held afterwards that was sponsored by Transport Minister Marc Garneau. At the reception, Fellowships of Engineers Canada (FEC) were bestowed upon the four MPs who are professional engineers, for their noteworthy service to the engineering profession in Canada.

Action: Rakesh Shreewastav to forward the package of issues that were presented to MPs, to the Regulatory Issues sub-committee

ESSCO (Angel Serah):

An ESSCO and PEO essay contest has been launched. First prize is a PEO scholarship valued at \$500.00.

The ESSCO FYIC (First Year Integration Conference) was held on February 23rd, 2017 in Ottawa. FYIC introduces first year engineering students to ESSCO and other organizations such as PEO. The ESSCO AGM is being held on June 1-4th. Howard Brown had offered previously to help them if they wished to invite an MPP. ESSCO would like to take him up on this offer and are interested in having an MPP at their upcoming AGM in June.

Action: Howard Brown to assist ESSCO with inviting an MPP to the ESSCO AGM in June.

OSPE: Matthew Jelavic provided an update on OSPE activities. Update attached.

CEO: Bill Allison presented an update on Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO) activities. Update attached.

6. Report from sub-committees and approval of Terms of Reference

Regulatory Issues – Daniel King reported on the highlights of the meeting of March 7th: the outcome of the *Burden Reduction Act* was reviewed. The next provincial election will be in 2018. The Regulatory Issues sub-committee will keep an eye out on regulatory issues to see if there are any that PEO should consider putting forward at that time. Talked about Info Notes, the meeting with the Attorney General and the CETA agreement.

GLP Chair Engagement sub-committee – Gabe Tse and Daniel Liao will be holding the quarterly GLP Chair Engagement call on March 28th at 4:00pm. An update on the Repeal will be presented, along with a guideline on GLP activities now that the new political fundraising rules have changed. All GLC members are invited to join the call.

Audit Implementation plan sub-committee – met on March 2nd to review the draft GLP Audit Implementation Plan recommendations put together by Jeannette Chau and provide input. Will meet again to review the results of the workshop and incorporate them into the implementation plan.

Queen's Park Day – no activities. Angel Serah will chair this sub-committee.

Enhanced Government Outreach – Daniel King will chair this sub-committee.

Training Advisory sub-committee – did not meet.

Sub-committee Terms of Reference

There are several new sub-committees being proposed. A package of proposed Terms of Reference was presented to the committee for approval. It was questioned whether it was necessary to form formal sub-committees with Terms of Reference for each for the activities required, or whether it was simpler to have primes for the activities, or form short-term task forces for projects that need to be

worked on. There was discussion and it was agreed to table it for further discussion at the next GLC meeting.

7. New or other business

Gabe Tse was presented with the FEC (Fellowship of Engineers Canada) for his ten years of volunteer service to the engineering profession.

8. Next meeting and adjournment

The next GLC meeting will be held via **teleconference on Tuesday April 18, 2017, 7:30-9:00 am**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Attachments

OSPE update:

ONTARIO SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS PARTNER UPDATE

30 by 30 Initiative - OSPE is the Ontario Champion and Lead for this National Initiative

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 12, 2017. Items on the Agenda include:

- Discussion of the preliminary results of women in engineering program inventories across the Country (successes, lessons learned, failures & opportunities)
- International Women's Day – Common Approach for 2018?
- Status of Women Canada Project Consultations & Results

Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration Bridging Program – Environmental Sector

MCI funded program to help train Internationally educated professionals from the STEM sectors transition to jobs in the Ontario Environmental industry has been developed and has been field tested. This project, in collaboration with OACETT and APGO (Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario), and supported by ONEIA (Ontario Environmental Industry Association) and PEO has gone through the evaluation phase now and by all accounts, it is being praised by the participants, industry stakeholders and by the Ministry project manager. They have declared that this has been the best bridging program they have seen, surpassing their expectations. This will also provide OSPE with some well-deserved capital within the MCI office for future funding requests for similar bridging programs. This was also our first collaboration with APGO, which sets the stage for future opportunities with this organization.

Environment and Climate Change

Ontario's Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) is hiring members for the soon-to-be-established Board of Directors for a new provincial agency: the Ontario Climate Change Solutions Deployment Corporation (OCCSDC). OSPE was informed of this opportunity directly by staff within the MOECC as a result of our open letter to the premier about the lack of engineering professionals on the Climate Change Action Plan, and our follow up meeting with the Minister and the Parliamentary Assistant.

OSPE is also involved in the discussions around:

- Ontario's Electric and Hydrogen Vehicle Advancement Program
- Qualified Person's discussion
- Storm Water Infrastructure Asset Management Planning
- Regularly provide EBR-related submissions

Excess Soils

MOECC has expressed gratitude to OSPE for the leadership on moving the Excess Soils issue forward. A multi-ministerial working group has been struck and is working to establish a regulatory framework for the re-use of Excess Soils on infrastructure projects. This will eventually expand to include other construction materials as well (including excess aggregate, and so on). Moving forward, OSPE will be encouraging the government to establish an arms-length, private, not-for-profit entity that will act as a certifying agency and interface between the Construction Agency and the Public at Large. This model is similar to one that already exists in other sectors (i.e, CSA, CMHC, TSSA, ON1Call, & EnerQuality), and what currently exists to moderate excess soil reuse in the UK. OSPE is looking forward to continuing to lead the discussions in this area and at forming partnership moving forward.

Infrastructure Discussions

OSPE is continuing our discussions with the Ministry of Infrastructure, including with the Minister himself, on a number of fronts, including one on one directly with OSPE, and as part of an initiative with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC), and separately, as an executive member of the Construction Design Alliance of Ontario (CDAO). Items being discussed include:

- Infrastructure Prioritization – identifying the parameters by which Infrastructure Projects are approved and prioritized
- Community Benefits Provision – involved in discussion around defining and measuring “Community Benefits” during the bidding process
- Qualification Based Selection Process – ongoing dialogue on multiple fronts to get Infrastructure Ontario to award contracts based on qualified bids, instead of lowest bid wins, as is the case within multiple jurisdictions. In most US states, QBS is the law.
- Asset Management Planning – Many municipalities still do not have a full infrastructure asset inventory, let alone have done effective management plans to plan for the maintenance and eventual replacement for municipally-owned infrastructure.
- Future Discussions to include provisions for Infrastructure Projects to include Innovation component, and consideration for building a fully integrated Smart City within a willing municipalities.

Economic Development, Growth & Labour Market

OSPE recently met with Ministry Brad Duguid and his senior advisory staff to continue ongoing discussions on the following:

- Renewing our labour market study with a greater focus on future trending and industry needs analysis
- Skills Gap – Do the graduates from Ontario Engineering schools have the knowledge and skills needed by industry today and into the future? (Current data indicates that there is a significant skills gap, as identified by industry).
- Advocating to both Ministry of ED&G, and to the Ministry of Finance to offer incentives to businesses to grow the number of co-op, internships, and other work-integrated learning opportunities, especially for engineering and other technology focused students.
- OSPE’s labour Market report continues to be the trusted source in the media with it being referenced in recent articles by the CBC, Globe and Mail, and other media outlets.

Research and Innovation

Ontario Chief Science Officer Announcement

We expressed our gratitude that the Government is installing a Chief Science Officer with Minister Duguid. This is something OSPE has been advocating in person to a number of Key Ministers, (Mr. Duguid, Mr. Murray, Mr. Chiarelli,

Mr. Moridi, and with Steve Orsini, Secretary of Cabinet) and other MPPs, due to the lack of engineering/science competency in Cabinet. Someone with an advanced understanding of STEM & Public Policy is needed to help explain to cabinet & the government how key science concepts intersect a number of ministries. OSPE is working with the Research and Innovation Task Force to submit our recommendations on the required skills, competencies and qualifications need to be included for this important role.

Office of the Attorney General

Minister personally thanked and acknowledged OSPEs work and insightful recommendations on improving the Construction Lien Act. Because of this, he has asked for continued dialogue with OSPE as he looks to modernize and digitalize the legal system, and asked that we stay engaged with his office in this regards.

Northern Development & Mines

Ongoing dialogue on how to properly build sustainable, resilient infrastructure in northern communities, including provision for high speed internet, clean renewable energy, and encourage Engineering and Technology careers within northern Aboriginal youth. This has led to OSPE being invited to exclusive industry consultations and forums. This has also led to some introductions to groups representing aboriginal communities. As such, OSPE has had some closed door conversations with key staff from the Chiefs of Ontario, and with Kelly Lendsey, CEO of Indigenous Work (formerly, the Aboriginal Human Resources Council). These conversations are building the background for trust and mutual respect, which is the first and most important step in creating a relationship with First Nations Communities.

Upcoming Event

May 12, 2017, North Bay, Ontario OSPE FORUM - Industry, government, First Nations and engineers will come together to discuss the sustainable economic development of the north, including the future of energy, infrastructure and mining in the region. Guest Speakers including Mr. Bob Rae and Mr. Vic Fedeli, MPP.

Energy

OSPE has consulted with both the PC Energy Policy Group and with the Ministry of Energy. To date, two of OSPE's recommendations have been adopted by the government. These were brought directly into Premier Wynne's office with credit given to OSPE for these recommendations. The PC Energy Policy group is also including a number of OSPE recommendations into their party platform, which is expected to be released shortly. Our recommendations have already been included in discussions with the media, including on the Tim Hudak show and in a local Ottawa newspaper.

NEM Update

National Engineering Month is well underway, and OSPE is supporting not only its own initiatives, but also providing support to local chapters and other partners, or attending, including, but not limited to the following:

- Hamilton-Halton Engineering Week Awards Gala – February 25th
- Engineering & Policy Panel at McMaster University – February 28th
- Nothing but NEM with the Raptors at the ACC – March 1st
- National Engineering Week Luncheon – Niagara PEO, OACETT and CEO chapters – March 3, Niagara Falls
- National Engineering Month w. PEO Oakville Chapter March 4th
- NEM showing of “DREAM BIG” at Ontario Science Centre – March 4th
- National Engineering Month with the Ottawa Senators – March 6th
- Lassonde School of Engineering Screening of “Hidden Figures” – March 7th
- Engineers Matter Talk – PEO Mississauga Chapter (attended) – March 9th
- National Engineering Month at Canadian Aviation & Space Museum w. PEO Ottawa Chapter

- National Engineering Month at the CN Tower – March 13-17
- University of Waterloo Engineering Career Day – March 16th
- Purple Power Event at the CN Tower – March 29st

Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)

Allan O’Dette resigned as CEO late last week to take on a new role as CEO of the Real Estate Council of Ontario (RECO). RECO is responsible for regulating real estate professionals in the province on behalf of the Ontario government. They protect the public interest through a fair, safe and informed marketplace through 3 pillars. Knowledge (Mandatory PD), Professional Standards (& Enforcement), and Deposit Insurance (Mandatory Requirement). RECO is working on changing their governance and improving image as a regulator. Refocus on Regulator role... leaving advocacy to OREA (Ontario Real Estate Association, who is led by CEO Tim Hudak). What is interesting here is that Allan was one of the chief lobbyists for the biggest advocacy body in the province and is moving to RECO to refocus them on the regulatory role. The search for new CEO of OCC will commence in April.

OSPE will have a leading role in the upcoming OCC event, “Dinner with the Deputy Ministers” by hosting and facilitating two tables with the Deputy Ministers from Research, Innovation & Science table, and Economic Development & Growth.

PEO Chapter Engagement

OSPE Directors and Staff continue to engage with PEO at your local chapter events. The more the chapters know about the activities OSPE is engaged in, the more likely they will be willing to partner with us on these initiatives and the local chapter member see value in the OSPE membership. Here is a snippet of the events OSPE has attended with local chapters in the past few months:

- North Bay Engineering Symposium with North Bay PEO Chapter – Michael Monette
- Burlington PEO Chapter AGM & Licencing Ceremony – Jonathan Hack
- Oakville PEO Chapter AGM & Licencing Ceremony – Sandro Perruzza
- Peterborough PEO Chapter AGM & Licencing Ceremony – Sandro Perruzza & Baijul Shukla
- York PEO Chapter AGM & Licencing Ceremony – Helen Wojcinski
- Niagara PEO Chapter Luncheon – Sandro Perruzza
- Toronto-Humber PEO Chapter AGM – Matthew Jelavic

CEO update:

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

- Nothing new to report – waiting for Ministry of the Attorney General to table draft reform legislation

Infrastructure Ontario

- CEO remains engaged with the agency on issues stemming from its Infrastructure/AFP and Real Estate Divisions including:
 - Procurement practices
 - Contract language
 - Project Pipeline

- Industry market capacity
- Work continues to finalize supplementary conditions for proposed real estate division agreement

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

- Nothing new to report
- CEO continues to work with the government of Ontario to further define specific elements of this framework legislation
- Waiting for government to launch final consultation of revised draft regulation to reform asset management plan guidelines

Long Term Infrastructure Plan Consultation

- Nothing new to report – waiting for government to launch consultation to develop its next long term infrastructure plan