



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

**Tuesday, September 15th, 2015, 6:00pm – 9:00pm**  
**Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 1855032#**

Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
Vice Chair:	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
Members:	Ishwar Bhatia, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Bill Allison, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers Ontario
	Michael Chan, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee – Volunteers
	Angel Serah	Student representative
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Charles Kidd, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada Representative
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Student and Government Liaison Programs
Staff Coordinator:	Gonzalo Pineros, EIT	PEO Coordinator, Student and Government Liaison Programs
Regrets:	Bernie Ennis, P.Eng.	Ontario Centre for Engineering Public Policy (OCEPP)
	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
	Hafiz Bashir, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Jonathan Hack, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
	Rick Hilton, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor

### 1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm

### 2. Selection of the Meeting Evaluator

Bill Allison was selected to be the meeting evaluator for the GLC meeting.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Michael Chan moved to approve the agenda. Angel Serah seconded the motion. All present approved.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Ishwar Bhatia moved to approve the minutes of the GLC April 21, 2015 meeting. Michael Chan seconded the motion. All present approved.

### 5. GLP Update

Jeannette Chau provided an update on the GLP activities. The Eastern GLP Academy will be hosted by Ottawa chapter on October 3th, 2015 in Ottawa; and the East Central & West Central GLP Academy will be hosted by Oakville and East Toronto chapters on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Toronto.

Jeannette Chau is preparing a GLP info note on the Building Code. GLP members are attending MPP picnics and barbeques.

#### **6. Approval of GLC 2016 Work plan**

Charles Kidd moved to approve the GLC 2016 Work plan. Ishwar Bhatia seconded the motion. All present approved.

#### **7. Approval of GLC 2016 HR plan**

Daniel King moved to approve the GLC 2016 HR plan. Ishwar Bhatia seconded the motion. All present approved.

#### **8. GLC Sub-committee Updates**

~ **Operational Plan sub-committee:** Michael Chan reviewed the Operational Plan.

~ **Regulatory Issues sub-committee:** Darla Campbell (chair of the sub-committee) provided an update on the Regulatory Issues sub-committee activities. The current process for developing GLP Info Notes was presented to the GLC. Rakesh Shreewastav moved to approve the current process for developing the GLP info notes, Gabe Tse seconded the motion. All present approved.

**ACTION:** The GLP Infrastructure Resilience Professional (IRP) Info Note will be sent to PEO communications for further approval.

~ **GLP Chair engagement sub-committee & Take your MPP to Work Day sub-committee:** Gabe Tse provided an update on both sub-committees. The GLP Chair engagement sub-committee & Take your MPP to Work Day sub-committee organized a conference call with all the GLP Chairs which included 15 GLP Chairs.

~ **Queen's Park Day sub-committee:** Angel Serah provided an update on the Queen's Park Day subcommittee. The subcommittee decided to carry on the same theme as last year: Protecting Public Safety. MPPs are already sending their RSVPs as well as PEO councillors.

#### **9. Partner Reports**

~ **CEO:** CEO continues to work on the province's independent review of the Construction Lien Act and Prompt Payment. The review is presently in the early stages of the second of three phases.

•CEO has been very active communicating through media over the summer months. CEO has earned opinion editorials in the Globe and Mail, Hamilton Spectator and other regional print media outlets and secured radio interviews in Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa markets with Barry Steinberg speaking to CEO's positions on: The need for the federal government to be a full partner with the province and municipalities for planning and investing in core infrastructure; the Municipal Asset

Plans being a crucial element for directing municipalities in their investment in core infrastructure; and, and the Pan and ParaPan Am Games representing a “stress test” for GTHA transit and transportation systems and how they can inform the province and regional governments about current and future planning and investment needs. CEO participated in the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment & Infrastructure’s consultation process on Infrastructure Priorities outside the Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area (GTHA), attending the Eastern Ontario roundtable discussion in Kingston and is continuing its discussions with Infrastructure Ontario on the proposed Supplementary Conditions for a standardized engineering services agreement. Final preparations are being made for CEO’s inaugural Queen’s Park Day, taking place Monday October 5th.

~ **ESSCO:** The new ESSCO executive is in place and has worked in their strategic plan for the coming year. The ESSCO PM conference takes place this weekend in Waterloo.

~ **OSPE:** OSPE attended the Prime Minister Announcement on Smart Track Funding on June 18<sup>th</sup> as well as the PC Party Dinner with Patrick Brown (Part of CDAO group) and the Premier’s Patio Party. OSPE Chair and CEO met with PC Party Leader, Mr. Patrick Brown to introduce him to OSPE. OSPE spoke to Minister Murray regarding OSPE’s Climate Change Paper. He asked for a follow up meeting after OSPE submits it. RRCAO, OSWCA, Insurance Bureau of Canada, and OSPE are looking at Excess Soil Use and lobbying efforts to build more underground infrastructure.

~ **Engineers Canada:** Engineers Canada continues to work on the Bridging Government and Engineers program and how to better engage politicians.

**ACTION:** Jeannette Chau to send notice to GLP Chairs about Engineers Canada Federal Election Website.

## 10. Other business

The mandate of the GLC was raised at the beginning of this meeting; however due to time constraints it will be added to the November agenda.

## 11. Meeting evaluation

Bill Allison provided an evaluation of the meeting to the GLC.

## 12. Next meeting

The next GLC meeting is face-to face at Queen’s Park on Tuesday October 21, 2015, 3:00pm – 4:00 pm, room 213. Bill Allison moved to adjourn the meeting, Ishwar Bhatia seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.