



# Minutes

The 522<sup>nd</sup> MEETING of the COUNCIL of PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO (PEO) was held via teleconference on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

- Present: D. Brown, P.Eng., President and Council Chair  
B. Dony, P.Eng., Past President  
N. Hill, P.Eng., President-Elect  
M. Sterling, P.Eng., Vice-President (Elected)  
K. Reid, P.Eng., Vice-President (Appointed)  
I. Bhatia, P.Eng., Eastern Regional Councillor  
G. Boone, P.Eng., Eastern Regional Councillor  
M. Chan, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee  
T. Chong, P.Eng., East Central Regional Councillor  
L. Cutler, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee  
R.A. Fraser, P.Eng., Councillor at Large  
T. Kirkby, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee  
L. Lederman, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee  
L. MacCumber, P.Eng., West Central Regional Councillor  
N. Rush, C.E.T., Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee  
T. Olukiyesi, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee  
S. Robert, P.Eng., Northern Regional Councillor  
R. Subramanian, P.Eng., Northern Regional Councillor  
K. Torabi, P.Eng., East Central Regional Councillor  
W. Turnbull, P.Eng., Western Regional Councillor  
G. P. Wowchuk, P.Eng., Councillor at Large
- Regrets: L. Hidalgo, P.Eng., Western Regional Councillor  
G. Houghton, P.Eng., Western Regional Councillor  
Q. C. Jackson, Barrister & Solicitor, Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee  
M. Spink, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-In-Council Appointee
- Staff: J. Zuccon, P.Eng., Interim Registrar  
S. Clark, LL.B., Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Secretary  
L. Latham, P.Eng., Deputy Registrar, Regulatory Compliance  
C. Mehta, Director, Finance [minutes 12045 to 12050 only]  
M. Price, P.Eng., Deputy Registrar, Licensing and Registration  
D. Smith, Director, Communications  
M. Wehrle, Director, Information Technology [via teleconference]  
B. Ennis, P.Eng., Director, Policy and Professional Affairs  
R. Martin, Manager, Secretariat  
D. Power, Secretariat Administrator  
E. Chor, Research Analyst
- Guests: R. Steinecke, PEO Legal Counsel [minutes 12070 only]

**CALL TO ORDER**

Notice having been given and a quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order.

**12069  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Chong, seconded by Councillor Bhatia:

**That:**

- a. the agenda, as presented to the meeting at C-522-1.1, Appendix A be approved as presented; and**
- b. the Chair be authorized to suspend the regular order of business.**

**CARRIED**

**12070  
REQUEST FROM ENGINEERS AND  
GEOSCIENTISTS BC**

On November 15, 2018, President Brown, P.Eng., received a request from Dr. Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., President, Engineers and Geoscientists BC (EGBC) regarding the introduction of Bill 49, The Professional Governance ACT. While there are some good features in this ACT such as mandatory CPD, Corporate Regulation and council bylaw authority, there are others of grave concern, especially granting practice rights to technologists and the requirement for all members to make declaration of competency and conflict of interest for all projects prior to starting work. Furthermore, the unlimited power and lack of accountability of the superintendent of this office is potentially a serious concern.

A member of the Engineers and Geoscientists BC, Dr. Ralph Sultan, P.Eng., is an MLA and he too is very concerned about this Bill and is asking to receive letters of concern that can be read out in the house to support Engineers and Geoscientists BC. Engineers Canada has provided such a letter as has EGBC director to Engineers Canada, Russ Kinghorn, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.).

Council was asked to consider providing a letter of support to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

Moved by Vice-President Reid, seconded by Councillor Bhatia.

**That Council approves the letter of support to Engineers and Geoscientists BC as presented to the meeting at C-522-2,1, Appendix A.**

**CARRIED  
Recorded Vote**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
I. Bhatia	L. Lederman	K. Torabi
G. Boone		
M. Chan		
T. Chong		
L. Cutler		

B. Dony		
R. Fraser		
N. Hill		
T. Kirkby		
L. MacCumber		
T. Olukiyesi		
K. Reid		
S. Robert		
N. Rush		
M. Sterling		
R. Subramanian		
W. Turnbull		
G. Wowchuk		

It was suggested that Ontario’s attorney general be apprised of this letter.

In the spirit of transparency, President Brown advised that he would share with the President and CEO of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT), the letter of support to Engineers and Geoscientists BC that is being sent to the Honourable George Heyman, M.L.A., Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Victoria, B.C.

Richard Steinecke, PEO Legal Counsel, joined the teleconference call. He provided an explanation regarding conflict of interest in the matter of the Engineers Canada TD Meloche Monnex Affinity Program. Councillors who declared a conflict of interest were asked to recuse themselves from the in-camera portion of the meeting dealing with the Affinity Program. Councillor Cutler recused himself at this time.

Moved by Councillor Boone, seconded by Councillor Chong:

**That Council move in-camera.**

**CARRIED**

**12071  
IN-CAMERA SESSION**

While in-camera, Council:

- a) discussed the Engineers Canada TD Meloche Monnex Affinity Program
- b) received notice of a briefing note regarding membership fees for the February Council meeting
- c) received an HRC update (staff were recused for this item)

The following motion was moved to open session.

Moved by Councillor Bhatia, seconded by Councillor Olukiyesi:

**That the President request that Engineers Canada put the 2018 funds from the Engineers Canada TD Meloche Monnex Affinity Program in abeyance and to assign the Executive Committee to provide recommendations/next steps regarding the program and to include**

**engagement with CEO and OSPE.**

**CARRIED**

These minutes consist of four pages and minutes 12069 to 12071 inclusive.

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D. Brown, P.Eng., Chair

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S. Clark, LL.B., Chief Administrative Officer and  
Corporate Secretary