

MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Wednesday September 25, 2019, 7:30- 9:00 am, via teleconference

Attendees

Chair: Warren Turnbull, P.Eng. Regional Councillors Committee & Council Liaison

Vice chair: Arjan Arenja, P.Eng. GLP Chair

Members: Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng. P.Eng. active in a Riding Association

Gabe Tse, P.Eng. GLP Chair

Daniel King, P.Eng. EIT representative

Christine Hill, P.Eng. Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)

Lorne Cutler, P.Eng. PEO Councillor

Staff Advisor: Jeannette Chau, P.Eng. PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs

Ex-officio: Howard Brown PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen

Regrets: Shawn Yanni Student representative

Nick Colucci, P.Eng. Advisory Committee Volunteer

[Vacant] Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)

[Vacant] . Engineers Canada BG&E Representative

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 am.

Approval of Agenda

Arjan Arenja moved a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Gabe Tse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Gabe Tse moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2019 GLC meeting. Jeffrey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GLC HR

Warren Turnbull welcomed Lorne Cutler to the GLC.

CEO has had their AGM and has a new Board. The newly elected Vice-chair, Bill Allison, will be the new CEO representative on the GLC.

Review of Action items from the August meeting

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. November 20, 2019 has been decided upon for the Queen's Park meeting.

2. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- GLP meeting activity report –there were a total of 92 MPP meetings/interactions as of August 31st, 2019. The majority of the interactions were with MPPs of the PC party.
- Take Your MPP to Work Days As of the end of August 31st there has only been one that was held in Sudbury at SnoLab on March 15, 2019. There was a Take Your MPP to Work Day held by Hamilton-Burlington chapter on September 23 and one that is planned by Kingsway chapter for September 26. They will be reported in next month's GLP Activity report.
- East & West Central Region GLP Academy –It will be held at PEO HQ on October 5th, 2019.
 There are three MPPs confirmed to speak at it: Sheref Sabawy, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills),
 NDP Deputy Leader and Official Opposition Housing Critic Sara Singh, MPP (Brampton Centre),
 and Attorney General Critic Gurratan Singh, MPP (Brampton East).
- The Eastern Region GLP Academy will be held in Kingston on November 23, 2019.

3. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada:

No representative. Engineers Canada has put the selection of a new representative on hold until they finish an operational review of all their committees.

Action: Jeannette Chau to follow up with Engineers Canada as to when they expect their committee review to be completed.

CEO: (Christine Hill)

Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO) had their AGM and a new Board has been elected. CEO will be holding their Queen's Park Day on December 2, 2019.

ESSCO: (Shawn Yanni)

Shawn Yanni attended the PEO Student Conference on Sept 13-15. GLP Manager Jeannette Chau presented on Engineers in government and How to Get Policy into Legislation. MPP Joel Harden was the banquet keynote speaker.

OSPE:

No representative.

OSPE is having an event in October where they will be inviting federal candidates to speak.

4. Reports from Subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – Daniel King

The Regulatory Issues subcommittee last met on September 3, 2019. Mainly discussed trying to get the Registrar to a GLC meeting and the fact that there are no new updates.

Enhanced Government Outreach

The Enhanced Government Outreach group has not met. Nothing to report.

GLP Chair Engagement – Arjan Arenja

A GLP Chair quarterly call was held on September 25. The focus was on updates to the GLP Chairs. Topics covered where the planned 2019 Queen's Park meeting, Take Your MPP to Work Days, the Federal election article in Engineering Dimensions, Regional GLP Academies, use of engineer title, and the Council decision on the External Regulatory Review Action Plan were covered.

Training Advisory group – Nick Colucci and Gabe Tse

No current activity. Nothing to report.

Chapter GLP Selection, training and succession – Warren Turnbull

Reps have now been selected from all the regions however this initiative is now on hold until it is known better what is happening with the external Regulatory Review Action Plan.

5. New or Other Business

GLC Work Plan and HR Plan review

The 2020 GLC Work Plan and 2020 GLC HR Plan was reviewed.

Gabe Tse motioned to approve the 2020 GLC Work Plan and 2020 GLC HR Plan. Arjan Arenja seconded the motion. All approved.

Action: Jeannette Chau to submit the 2020 GLC Work Plan and HR Plan to People Development.

Action plan and future GLC/GLP re Cayton Report

A tool is being developed to determine what activities are regulatory or not. The activities of the GLC and the GLP will be put through this tool.

New Queen's Park event for 2019

The Queen's Park event will be held on November 20, 2019. There will be no large reception as in past years. Instead a small delegation consisting of President Nancy Hill, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar Johnny Zuccon, P.Eng., GLC Chair Warren Turnbull, P.Eng., GLC Vice-chair Arjan Arenja, P.Eng., PEO Manager Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown will visit Queen's Park. They will be introduced in the legislature at the beginning of Question Period. Afterwards they will have a few meetings with MPPs. Howard Brown is arranging the MPP meetings.

Action: Howard Brown to arrange for the Attorney General to introduce the delegation in the legislature on November 20.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

Action: Jeannette Chau to see if Johnny Zuccon will be available to meet with the GLC in which case the GLC will change the scheduled teleconference to a face-to-face meeting. Otherwise the next meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, October 16th, 7:30-9:00 am. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 am.