

2024 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

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Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2009
ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA:	Professional member, 2012 - present Council, Councillor, 2022 - present By-law Review Committee, member, 2023 - present Continuing Competency Committee, 2023 - present Nominating Committee, member, 2022 - 2023 Mentorship Program, mentor, 2019
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, member Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, member Professional Engineers of Ontario, member American Concrete Institute, member Canadian Prestressed Concrete Institute, member
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	Tower Engineering, Associate, 2018 - present Tower Engineering, Structural Engineer, 2012 - 2018 Tower Engineering, EIT, 2008 - 2012

PLATFORM PART 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please tell us why you are interested in serving on Council and what you bring to the role

I am interested in continuing to serve on the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council because of the experience and insights I have gained over the past two years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to contribute to several key initiatives, such as the By-Law Review Committee, the Manual of Admissions task group, and the governance review as some of the highlights. This has expanded my understanding of the Council's functions and the unique challenges we face. I believe this has helped me gain the knowledge and perspective needed to contribute effectively to our initiatives.

Being a member of EGBC, APEGS, and PEO, I have the opportunity to observe and learn from their practices and policies. This broader perspective allows me to speak about new initiatives that are being seen across Canada.

I am dedicated to leveraging my experience, knowledge, and passion to help guide our Council and members toward achieving our goals and serving our community effectively. With my career and

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experience, I believe I can add to Council and support its current, and future, initiatives. My organizational skills and ability to see things to the end will benefit Council.

PLATFORM PART 2 – THE PUBLIC OF MANITOBA

The Association governs and regulates the professions in the public interest. What is, or what should, Council be doing to ensure that its governance is in the public interest and why?

I believe ensuring that we have competent engineers in their fields is one of the top priorities of the Council. With the demand for engineering in Manitoba on the rise, it is crucial that we ensure our engineers can complete their work safely and knowledgeably, thereby serving the public's best interest.

The Council should also focus on the future of engineering by fostering a diverse group of new engineers, including both EITs and engineers from outside of Manitoba. Additionally, it is essential to work with our current engineers to ensure they stay up to date with new techniques and technologies. This continuous professional development will enable them to best serve the public and adapt to evolving industry standards.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

Council sets the expectation for the Association by defining the Ends. What is the most important End and why?

Each part of the Ends is equally important in my opinion because if we fail in one aspect, the profession as a whole will suffer. Focusing solely on one aspect also means the others will suffer. While the Council may prioritize one End at times, these priorities will constantly change and evolve as the needs of the Association and the profession change over time.

I believe it is the Council's responsibility to ensure that even when there is a prime focus on a specific End, the other Ends are not neglected or forgotten. Maintaining a holistic approach ensures that all aspects of the profession are supported and that we continue to uphold the highest standards in all areas.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE COUNCIL

Council sets out the core characteristics of what it considers to be a good councillor in GP-6 Councillor Roles and Job Description. What is the most important characteristic of a good councillor and why?

As engineers, we are natural problem solvers and we often feel inclined to resolve issues as quickly as possible. While this trait contributes to our effectiveness as engineers, I believe that a critical characteristic of a good councillor is the ability to listen and process what people are saying. This sometimes means not solving a problem immediately, but rather taking the time to truly understand the issue and the concerns being expressed, even when those expressing them may not fully articulate their worries.

By thoroughly understanding the root of concerns, we can prevent further issues in the future and develop more effective, long-term solutions. This quality helps in shaping the long-term vision of the Association and allows us to proactively address issues through careful deliberation and consideration.