

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba held online and at 870 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg, MB on Tuesday, June 3, 2024.

PRESENT: Kathryn Atamanchuk presiding; Jessica Adelman; David Amorim; Mike Houvardas; Carol Martiniuk; Christina McDonald; Crystal Paculan; Alan Pollard; Ian Smallwood; Lisa Thomson; Shipra Verma; Kyle Ward; Steven Wu

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gregoire; Fiona Hillier; Angela Moore; Scott Sarna; Eric Schillberg; Lisa Stepnuk; Ian Wiebe; Anjanette Zielinski

REGRETS: Shipra Verma

24.04.1 CALL TO ORDER

President Atamanchuk called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

24.04.2 TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Atamanchuk read the statement acknowledging the traditional lands on which Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba sits and to recognize Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba's commitment to Indigenous peoples and communities.

24.04.3 INTRODUCTIONS

President Atamanchuk thanked everyone for attending the special meeting of Council. It was noted that we had high number of observers for this meeting. Those visitors were acknowledged and thanked for attending this meeting, and clarification was provided as to their role in this meeting of Council.

24.04.4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Atamanchuk asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted as presented.

24.04.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

President Atamanchuk asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare. Hearing none, Council was reminded that a conflict of interest could be declared at any time during the meeting.

GOVERNANCE

24.04.6 G1. ACT REWRITE

Michael Gregoire, CEO and Registrar, introduced himself and provided a brief background on the Act Rewrite Project. He announced that the purpose of today's meeting was to seek Council's approval to proceed with the first step towards an Act change, which is to initiate a conversation with the government in order to gauge their interest.

Eric Schillberg, Government Relations Advisory Committee member, and Scott Sarna, Director of Government Relations, introduced themselves.

Eric spoke to the primary goal of the Act rewrite, which is to modernize and update *The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act*. He then reviewed the five documents shared with Council.

- Motivation Document: Provides reasons and motivations for legislative change.
- Minister's Docket: Describes the partnership with the Government of Manitoba and outlines the process of legislative reform.
- Document 1A: Summary of Findings: Comparative analysis of professional legislation.
- Document 1B: Survey Table: Detailed comparison of legislative concepts base on an assessment of governing acts.
- Document 2: Regulatory Concepts: Categorization of legislative concepts into required, practical, flexible, and unaddressed tiers.

Council was provided an opportunity to comment and ask questions on each document as it was reviewed.

The following revisions were suggested by Council,

- Remove the potential topics listed under the paragraph for “Adapt to Societal and Regulatory Changes Across Canada” in the Motivation Document.
- Deemphasize the reference to the Regulated Health Professionals Act in the Minister's Docket.

Council inquired about the estimated budget for the whole process. Scott commented that it was included in the annual operating budget, but additional costs may be incurred throughout the process (e.g., legal and consulting fees). An action plan is being developed, with deliverables, milestones, timelines and estimated costs.

President Atamanchuk reminded Council that the question being posed today was whether Council wants to initiate a conversation with the government.

President Atamanchuk remarked that Council will discuss and vote on the following motion with the understanding that the following changes to the documents are made,

- Remove the potential topics listed under the paragraph for “Adapt to Societal and Regulatory Changes Across Canada” in the Motivation Document.
- Deemphasize the reference to the Regulated Health Professionals Act in the Minister's Docket.

MOTION: It was MOVED by Christina McDonald and SECONDED that Council approves the document titled "Motivation Document – *The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act (Version C)*" for distribution to the Minister of Labour and Immigration. Furthermore, Council grants permission to the Government Relations Department, the CEO, and the President to request and attend a meeting with the Minister of Labour and Immigration to discuss the potential endeavour to make legislative changes, assess the Government's interest in these reforms, and determine specific legislative changes through further consultations.

President Atamanchuk opened the floor for discussion.

Friendly Amendment to include "and the Minister's Docket". The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Council discussed the next steps if the motion to meet with the government is approved. Depending on the outcome from the meeting, next steps could include legal review, stakeholder engagement, and member engagement. If the feedback from the engagement is favourable, then a motion to initiate the Act rewrite process would be put forward to Council for approval.

Hearing no further discussion, President Atamanchuk called the question on the amended motion.

MOTION: It was MOVED by Christina McDonald and SECONDED that Council approves the document titled "Motivation Document – *The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act (Version C)*" and the document titled "Minister's Docket - Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act (Version E)-1" for distribution to the Minister of Labour and Immigration. Furthermore, Council grants permission to the Government Relations Department, the CEO, and the President to request and attend a meeting with the Minister of Labour and Immigration to discuss the potential endeavour to make legislative changes, assess the Government's interest in these reforms, and determine specific legislative changes through further consultations.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

24.03.7 The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

Kathryn Atamanchuk, P.Eng., FEC
President

Michael Gregoire, P.Eng., FEC
CEO & Registrar