



Professional Engineers
Ontario

Council Teleconference Meeting

522nd Meeting of Council
of Professional Engineers Ontario

to be held via **teleconference** on
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Dial-in: 1-888-866-3653

Participant Code: 9394319#

To Join the Meeting:

<https://peo.adobeconnect.com/r1emznkyzic3/>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Purpose: To approve the agenda for the meeting.

Motion(s) to consider: (requires a simple majority of votes cast to carry)

That:

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

Prepared by: Dale Power, Secretariat Administrator

Appendices:

- Appendix A – 522nd Council meeting agenda



Agenda

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CALL TO ORDER			
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA		Spokesperson/ Moved by	Type
1.1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Chair	Decision
2. PRIORITY ITEMS		Spokesperson/ Moved by	Type
2.1	REQUEST FROM ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC	Chair	Decision
3. IN-CAMERA		Spokesperson/ Moved by	Type
3.1	ENGINEERS CANADA TD MELOCHE MONNEX AFFINITY PROGRAM.	Chair	Decision

Councillors Code of Conduct

Council expects of itself and its members ethical, business-like and lawful conduct. This includes fiduciary responsibility, proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Council members or as external representatives of the association. Council expects its members to treat one another and staff members with respect, cooperation and a willingness to deal openly on all matters.

PEO is committed that its operations and business will be conducted in an ethical and legal manner. Each participant (volunteer) is expected to be familiar with, and to adhere to, this code as a condition of their involvement in PEO business. Each participant shall conduct PEO business with honesty, integrity and fairness and in accordance with the applicable laws. The Code of Conduct is intended to provide the terms and/or spirit upon which acceptable/unacceptable conduct is determined and addressed.

At its September 2006 meeting, Council determined that PEO volunteers should meet the same obligations and standards regarding conduct when engaged in PEO activities as they are when engaged in business activities as professional engineers.

[s. 2.4 of the Council Manual]

2019 Council Committee Meeting/Mailing Schedule

2018-19 Council Mailing Schedule

2018

Meeting #		Meeting Date	Initial BN Due Date – Members at Large	Initial BN Due Date – Councillors/ Staff	Initial Agenda Mailing Date	Supp. Agenda ¹ Due Date	Supp. Agenda Mailing Date
522	Council	Dec. 18	N/A	Dec. 6	Dec. 11	N/A	N/A

2019

Meeting #		Meeting Date	Initial BN Due Date – Members at Large	Initial BN Due Date – Councillors/ Staff	Initial Agenda Mailing Date	Supp. Agenda ¹ Due Date	Supp. Agenda Mailing Date
523	Council	Feb. 7-8	Jan. 18	Jan. 22	Jan. 25	Jan. 29	Feb. 1
524	Council	Mar. 21-22	March 1	March 5	March 8	March 12	March 15
525	Council	May 4 ²	April 12	April 16	April 19	April 23	April 26

¹ - requires the approval of the Chair or Registrar

² - new Councillors to be invited as soon as information is available.

REQUEST FROM ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC

Purpose: To approve a letter of support to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

Motion(s) to consider: (requires a simple majority of votes cast to carry)

That Council approves the letter of support to Engineers and Geoscientists BC as presented to the meeting at C-522-2.1, Appendix A.

Prepared by: Scott W. Clark, LL.B., Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: To be determined at the meeting

1. Need for PEO Action

On November 15, 2018, President Brown, P.Eng., received the following request from Dr. Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., President, Engineers and Geoscientists BC:

Fellow Presidents,

As you may know, Engineers and Geoscientists BC is going through very challenging times with the introduction in our legislature of Bill 49, The Professional Governance ACT. There are some good features in this ACT such as mandatory CPD, Corporate Regulation and council bylaw authority.

However, there are others of grave concern; especially granting practice rights to technologists and the requirement for all members to make declarations 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.

One of our members, Dr. Ralph Sultan, P.Eng., is an MLA and he too is very concerned about this Bill. In the email attached, he 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 our director to Engineers Canada, Russ Kinghorn, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.). Their letters are also attached for your reference.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide a letter from your association. We do believe that there is every possibility that if this kind of change is implemented in BC, it can easily spread across the country, and so your support may ultimately help prevent that from happening.

The Bill has passed first and second reading and is progressing at a rapid speed through the House and therefore this request is one of some urgency.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you all at the next Engineers Canada board meeting.

Best regards,

Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst

Dr. Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., FEC | President

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

2. Proposed Action / Recommendation

That Council provide a letter of support to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

3. Next Steps (if motion approved)

A letter of support will be provided to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

4. Policy or Program contribution to the Strategic Plan

The undertaking supports Strategic Objective 9, Enhance Corporate Culture

5. Financial Impact on PEO Budgets (for five years)

There is no financial impact.

6. Peer Review & Process Followed

Process Followed	N/A
Council Identified Review	N/A
Actual Motion Review	N/A

4. Appendices

- Appendix A – Letter of support to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.



December 19, 2018

C-522-2.1
Appendix A

The Honourable George Heyman, M.L.A.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Room 112 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Re: Bill 49—2018: *Professional Governance Act*

Dear Minister Heyman,

On behalf of the Council of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), I am writing to you regarding the proposed practice rights for technologists included in Bill 49—2018: *Professional Governance Act*.

PEO, like Engineers and Geoscientists BC, is mandated by provincial legislation to regulate and advance the practice of professional engineering in the public interest. In Ontario, engineers and technologists enjoy a positive and collaborative relationship as evidenced, most recently, by the addition of a regulation under the *Professional Engineers Act* that established the licensed engineering technologist (LET) class of limited licence. Since 2015, a limited licence holder who is also a certified engineering technologist (C.E.T.) with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) can apply for this class of limited licence and, if approved, use the protected title of licensed engineering technologist and LET designation.

The LET class of limited licence provides a pathway for qualified members to practise professional engineering within a defined scope of practice. Holders of limited licences are governed and regulated by PEO to the same standards as professional engineers. Along with the creation of this new class of limited licence, PEO changed its certificate of authorization (C of A) to permit limited licence holders to be responsible for engineering services offered or provided to the public within the limitations of their licences. This meets marketplace and practitioner needs without compromising public safety and welfare.

I offer these insights to demonstrate how existing statutory instruments—the *Professional Engineers Act* and the C of A in this case—can be used to effectively meet the needs of engineers, technologists, legislators and the public. As your government considers the development of policy and regulations under the proposed *Professional Governance Act*, I encourage you to consider the merits of having one regulatory body to govern professional engineers and technologists. Affixing a licensing regime for technologists to an existing and proven entity such as Engineers and Geoscientists BC may produce the same successful model that efficiently regulates these professions in Ontario.

Sincerely,

David Brown, P.Eng., BDS, C.E.T., IntPE, MCSCE
President, Professional Engineers Ontario

Cc: Ralph Sultan, P.Eng., Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., FEC, President, Engineers and Geoscientists BC
Annette Bergeron, MBA, FCAE, FEC, P.Eng., President, Engineers Canada

In Camera Session

In-camera sessions are closed to the public