

## 2025 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

### Arshdeep Chauhan, EIT

Candidate nominated by Council

<b>EDUCATION:</b>	BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, Canada, 2024
<b>ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA ACTIVITIES:</b>	Intern, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba
<b>OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:</b>	<p>Canadian National Steel Bridge Competition, Organizing Committee member, 2025</p> <p>University of Manitoba Seal Bridge Team, Co-captain and Captain, 2023-2024</p> <p>University of Manitoba Engineering Society</p> <p>Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE), Manitoba Chapter</p>
<b>EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:</b>	<p>Dillon Consulting Ltd., Winnipeg, MB, Structural EIT, March 2025-present</p> <p>Pier Solutions, Oakbank, MB, Junior Project Manager, June 2024-March 2025</p>

#### PLATFORM PART 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

The opportunity to serve on the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council is one that has been a source of inspiration since I had the privilege of attending the 2023 AGM as part of the University of Manitoba Steel Bridge Team. The experience provided valuable insights into the important work Council does to shape the future of engineering in Manitoba and sparked a desire in me to one day contribute in a meaningful way. I believe leadership is an honor of serving those around you, this core value is what has led me to submit my application to Council.

As a recent graduate and early-career intern, I bring with me the eagerness, curiosity, and forward-thinking mindset of the new generation. My hope is to represent the voices of the emerging engineers and provide a modern perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing our industry. With rapid technological advancements, climate change, and growing societal expectations, I hope to contribute to solutions grounded in integrity, resilience, and diverse perspectives with public safety always at the forefront.

#### 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?**

Council plays a vital role in ensuring that engineering and geoscience practices in Manitoba are governed in the public interest. This is demonstrated through its commitment to transparency, accountability, and

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proactive engagement with both the public and the professionals it regulates. To uphold this responsibility, Council must continue placing public safety at the forefront of all decisions.

Maintaining high professional and technical standards, encouraging diverse perspectives, and fostering ongoing education and clear communication are key pillars that support effective governance in the public interest. These elements help ensure that the professions remain ethical, forward thinking, and aligned with the needs of society. As the world continues to evolve, it is essential that Council reflects the diversity of the public it serves, by listening to underrepresented voices, adapting to new challenges, and upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. These actions are fundamental to earning and maintaining the public's trust.

### PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

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

I believe that End E-3: Unqualified persons do not practice, is one of the most important Ends, as it directly safeguards public safety and preserves the integrity of both the engineering and geoscience professions. Ensuring that only qualified professionals are permitted to practice helps maintain ethical standards, which are essential when the decisions professionals make have a direct impact on infrastructure and people's lives. Upholding this End not only prevents harm but also strengthens public trust in our professions. The complexity of modern projects requires that practitioners be well trained, competent, and accountable. Allowing unqualified individuals to engage in professional work undermines the credibility of licensed professionals and exposes the public to unnecessary risk.

To continue regulating in the public interest, Council must remain vigilant in enforcing licensing requirements, supporting clear pathways to licensure, and educating the public and employers about the importance of licensed professionals. In doing so, Council upholds the duty to protect the public and ensure that the professions continue to represent excellence.

### 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?**

While all listed characteristics are fundamental to being a good councillor, characteristic 1.2: Ability to think in terms of systems and context - to see the big picture, is critical for a councillor. This characteristic enables councillors to consider how policies, regulations, and professional standards affect a variety of stakeholders. It encourages thoughtful, forward-thinking decisions that are grounded in evidence, context, and long-term impact. In a province as diverse as Manitoba, it's crucial that Council members can navigate complexity, weigh competing interests, and consider how individual decisions contribute to the broader goals of public safety, sustainability, and professional integrity.