

2026 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

Neil Crawford, P.Eng.

Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	BSc Electrical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2010
ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineer of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2014-present Engineers of Tomorrow, Engineer-in-Residence Program, member, 2021-present Engineering Week, volunteer
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Patent development
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	Universal Energy Resources Inc., Winnipeg, MB, General Manager, 2010-present Hatch Ltd., Winnipeg, MB, Electrical Engineer in Training/Project Manager, 2011-2014

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 believe my experience over the years will help as applied to the Engineering Geoscientists Manitoba Council. As a professional engineer and a red seal trades person of the same discipline (electrical), I can and will apply a pragmatic and knowledgeable approach with respect to the skills and competencies noted in the call for Council nominations.

After nearly 40 years of industry experience both as a layman to our profession and as a registered professional in good standing, I feel it an appropriate time to apply my knowledge in a genuine effort to help and perhaps better our respectable self-governed profession.

I appreciate the consideration for Council membership. I will perform diligently as required should I be selected.

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?

As an example, self-governance and regulation mandates safety of the public. A canon of our profession. What should Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba be doing is strengthening inclusion of industry workers and associated representatives. This, because corroboration with lay persons to our profession, such as the vast and diverse pool of industry representatives will optimize literacy works and generate updated policies and respective methodologies as need be. We will, in my humble opinion, have net positive exposure from a position of inclusion, not only because of the acceptance of questions and queries for a

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better understanding of our profession with respect to safety, but as an intellectual acknowledgment of those who are seeking information and inclusion as it relates to what we, as a profession, do and how we go about ensuring the public safety. This relationship fostering may provide a greater understanding of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba by the respective layperson, which will further posture Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba for positive growth and exposure. This is applicable in all areas of concern.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

Council sets the expectation for the Association through the Strategic Imperatives and Outcomes within the Strategic Plan. What is the most important Strategic Imperative and why?

The public will recognize the value of professional engineers and geoscientists is the most important strategic Imperative in my opinion. This strategic imperative implementation will support the other strategic imperatives.

Interestingly, a continuance and expansion on my previous statements related to platform questions... the inclusion of lay people to our profession for corroboration on safety issues and other topics will break down misunderstanding and form and build upon existing alliances of discipline specific and intra discipline solutions to problems in industry. As the world seemingly shrinks, with the advent of social media platforms...the news of corroboration will be distributed in an effective manner if properly organized. Posturing as an inclusive profession starts from a humble approach to seeking the input of the lay person.

During my time as a lay person to our profession in the electrical discipline...it was noted positively when the field engineer approached and sought opinions and suggestions to required solutions needing implementation in real time. I became an engineer to help in this manner amongst other goals for the safety and betterment of life for society.

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?

Ability to think in terms of systems and context – to see the big picture.

This is my selection for most important characteristic.

This characteristic provides an optimum path of application of previous knowledge and successes. Further, a greater ability to perceive that which is beneficial for the enhancement of our Association and the interconnectedness of relations of those outside our organization is indicated. This particular characteristic flows and is aligned with the previous notions and statements in this application. By applying this characteristic in nurturing the benefits of inclusion of industry, specialized skill sets and general public seeking to have input or questions answered allows for a overall pattern conducive to growth, a greater symbiosis, and a betterment of relations with those outside our profession. Thus, producing patterns and behaviors for the greater good of all is the expected result over time.