

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba held online and at 870 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg, MB on Thursday, June 9, 2022

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**PRESENT:** Allan Silk presiding; Kathryn Atamanchuk; Mike Houvardas; Neil Klassen; Christina McDonald; Linda Murphy; Crystal Paculan; Celine Rivard; John Sawatzky; Ian Smallwood; Efrem Teklemariam; Shipra Verma; Michelle Wadelius; Eric Yang

**ALSO PRESENT:** Doug Bell; Mike Gregoire; Fiona Hillier; Grant Koropatnick; Peter Lightfoot; Angela Moore; Scott Sarna; Lisa Stepnuk; Ian Wiebe

**REGRETS:** Dawn Nedohin-Macek

**OBSERVERS:** Vicki Poirier

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**22.04.1 CALL TO ORDER**

President Silk called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m.

**22.04.2 TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

President Silk 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.

**22.04.3 INTRODUCTIONS**

President Silk welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the following guests who had items on the agenda, Ownership Linkage presenter, Dr. Peter Lightfoot, and Geoscientists Canada Manitoba Director, Doug Bell.

Regrets were received from, Engineers Canada Manitoba Director, Dawn Nedohin-Macek

**22.04.4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

President Silk asked if there were any proposed changes or additions to the agenda.

Vice-President Smallwood asked that a new agenda item, called Council Issues Book, be added to the Governance section for discussion.

President Silk asked that Consent Agenda items C2, C3, and C4 be moved to the In camera section as new items I4, I5, and I6.

It was **MOVED** by Jason Mann and **SECONDED** by Kathryn Atamanchuk that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**22.04.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

President Silk asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare. Hearing none, Council was reminded that one could be declared at any time, for any item, on the agenda.

**22.04.6 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 12, 2022**

President Silk asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes of the Council meeting of May 12, 2022.

It was MOVED by Michelle Wadelius and SECONDED by Eric Yang that the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

**22.04.7 O1. OWNERHIP LINKAGE PRESENTATION – DR. PETER LIGHTFOOT, P.GEO., PRESIDENT, LIGHTFOOT GEOSCIENCE INC.**

At 12:49 p.m. President Silk invited Dr. Peter Lightfoot to begin his presentation.

Dr. Lightfoot thanked Council for the opportunity to present and provided a brief introduction. His presentation on the Global Nickel Supply: Impacts on Electrification, offered an understanding of how the world could come to terms with metal supply to support electrifications, in particular battery metal requirements and the increasing demand for electric vehicles. He commented on the challenges of mining battery metals and the implications to professional geoscientists.

The floor was opened to questions and comments.

At 1:40 p.m. President Silk thanked Peter for the presentation.

At 1:40 p.m. Dr. Lightfoot left the meeting.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

**22.04.8 B1. CHAIR'S REPORT - PRESIDENT ALLAN SILK, P.ENG., FEC**

President Silk spoke to his report and commented on a concerning issue that took place during the Engineers Canada AGM, where two regulators (Ontario and Quebec) had enough votes to defeat a motion that the rest of the regulators voted in favor for.

President Silk congratulated Doug Bell, P.Geo., FGC, on his new appointment as President elect of Geoscientists Canada.

**22.04.9 B3. GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

President Silk invited Doug Bell to speak to his report. Doug highlighted some of the items in his report which included Quebec's decision to rejoin Geoscientists Canada.

At 1:57 p.m. Doug Bell left the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

**22.04.10** Council approved the Consent Agenda items with the adoption of the agenda.

**C1. APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Council received a list of applications approved by the Registration Committee between February 28, 2022 and April 30, 2022.

COUNCIL EDUCATION

**22.04.11 D1. EVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

President Silk asked if there were any further comments from the May Council meeting. Hearing none, he proceeded to the next agenda item.

**22.04.12 D2. CLIMATE EVENTS – CAN ENGINEERS HELP**

Council referred to the background memo dated June 9, 2022.

GOVERNANCE

**22.04.13 G1. 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET**

Council referred to the decision background memo from the Finance Committee dated June 9, 2022.

It was MOVED by Christina McDonald and SECONDED by Efrem Teklemariam that Council approves the 2022-2023 Operating Budget with dues and fees as presented.

Councillor Christina McDonald, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2022-2023 operating budget and commented that it included the same programs as last year, it reflected a return to pre-pandemic activities, and that there was no increase to member dues. Christina commented that the surplus, from the past two years of the pandemic, would cover the projected small deficit in the budget.

President Silk asked if there was any discussion on the budget.

Council reviewed the budget.

Hearing no further discussion, President Silk called the question and Council voted.

CARRIED

At 3:00 p.m. Council took a break

At 3:11 p.m. Council returned from break

**22.04.14 G2. 2022 BY-LAW PROPOSALS**

Mike Gregoire referred to the decision background memo from the By-law Review Committee dated June 9, 2022 and provided a summary of the 2022 by-law proposals.

It was MOVED by Michelle Wadelius and SECONDED by Crystal Paculan that Council accepts the first four Council proposed by-law changes laid out in Appendix C and moves it forward for a vote by the membership.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Crystal Paculan and SECONDED by Celine Rivard that Council accepts the new Council proposed by-law of Member Notification of Discipline in other Jurisdictions, laid out in Appendix C, and moves it forward for a vote by the membership.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Jason Mann and SECONDED by Michelle Wadelius that Council accepts the amended legal wording for Member By-law Proposal 2 and the recommendation of the By-law Review Committee that it move forward for a vote by the membership.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Linda Murphy and SECONDED by Jason Mann that Council accepts the recommendation of the By-law Review Committee for Member By-law Proposal 1 and adopts Option 3, as presented by the committee.

Vice President Smallwood declared a conflict of interest, noting that the mover of Proposal 1 was his employer. Councillor Sawatzky also commented that he was an acquaintance of the mover.

Council agreed that there was a perceived conflict of interest for Vice-President Smallwood.

At 3:38 p.m. Vice-President Smallwood left the meeting.

Councillor Sawatzky remained but would not participate in the discussion or vote.

Council discussed the intent of the by-law change and reviewed the options set out by the By-law Review Committee.

Hearing no further discussion, President Silk called the question and Council voted.

Councillors Sawatzky and Houvardas abstained  
CARRIED

At 3:50 p.m. Vice-President Smallwood returned to the meeting

**22.04.15 G3. ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM AUDIT**

Council referred to the decision background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated June 9, 2022.

It was MOVED by Ian Smallwood and SECONDED by Celine Rivard that Council approves the electronic voting system audit report.

CARRIED

At 3:52 p.m. President Silk moved that the meeting go in camera for the purposes of discussing private and confidential matters about an individual, labour relations, investigations, discipline, appeals, litigation or potential litigation.

At 4:51 p.m. Council came out of Camera

At 4:51 p.m. Councillors Atamanchuk and Verma left the meeting.

**22.04.22 G4. COUNCIL ISSUES BOOK**

President Silk referred back to the item added to the agenda by Vice-President Smallwood.

At 4:52 p.m. Past President Mann left the meeting.

At 4:53 p.m. Councillor Yang left the meeting.

Vice-President Smallwood introduced the concept of an issues book and suggested that Councillor McDonald form a task group with other councillors and a staff representative to consider the concept and report back to Council. Councillors Rivard and Teklemariam volunteered for the task group. CEO Grant Koropatnick agreed to participate as well.

Grant accepted the initial task of proposing a plan to Councillor McDonald, that would be put forward at the September Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS AND ENDS

**22.04.23 M1. E-1 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PRACTISING ARE REGISTERED AND LICENSED - KOROPATNICK**

Grant spoke to the Monitoring Report dated June 9, 2022.

**22.04.24 M2. EL-3 FINANCIAL CONDITION - KOROPATNICK**

Grant spoke to the Monitoring Report dated June 9, 2022.

President Silk asked if there were any objections to approve the monitoring reports for policy statements E-1, and EL-3. Hearing no objections, the reports were approved by unanimous consent.

COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

**22.04.25 P1. GP-8.9 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - MANN**

President Silk spoke to Past President Mann's monitoring report dated June 9, 2022.

**22.04.26 P2. GP-8.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE - RIVARD**

Councillor Rivard spoke to her monitoring report dated June 9, 2022.

**22.04.27 P3. GP-8.11 AUDIT COMMITTEE - VERMA**

Councillor Verma spoke to her monitoring report dated June 9, 2022.

**22.04.28 P4. GP-8.13 FINANCE COMMITTEE – MCDONALD**

Councillor McDonald spoke to her monitoring report dated June 9, 2022.

It was MOVED by Michelle Wadelius and SECONDED by Crystal Paculan that Council accepts the monitoring reports for GP-8.9, GP-8.1, GP-8.11, and GP-8.13.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

**22.04.29 COUNCIL RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- N1. Planning Agenda for the next meeting
- N2. Membership statistics as at May 31, 2022
- N3. Financial Statement as at April 30, 2022
- N4. Member Engagement Session
- N5. Scope of Practise for Technologists – Bill 119 New Brunswick
- N6. Disposition of IC Files

SELF-EVALUATION

**22.04.30 V1. EVALUATION PAGE FOR THIS MEETING**

President Silk asked for councillors to complete and submit the evaluation form for today's meeting.

FYI 'NICE TO KNOW' INFORMATION

**22.04.31 F1. EngGeoMB Centennial – Entrance Scholarship**

**F2. Working Remotely?**

**F3. See some fun event photos here**

ADJOURNMENT

**22.04.32** The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, September 15, at 12:30 p.m.

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Allan Silk, P.Eng., FEC  
President

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Grant Koropatnick, P.Eng., FEC  
CEO & Registrar