

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba held online and at 870 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg, MB on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

PRESENT: Ian Smallwood presiding; Jessica Adelman; David Amorim; Kathryn Atamanchuk; Mike Houvardas; Christina McDonald; Crystal Paculan; Alan Pollard; Celine Rivard; Allan Silk; Lisa Thomson; Shipra Verma; Eric Yang

ALSO PRESENT: Ian Ferguson; Michael Gregoire; Fiona Hillier; Angela Moore; Scott Sarna; Lisa Stepnuk; Ian Wiebe

REGRETS: Doug Bell; Dawn Nedohin-Macek

OBSERVERS: Linda Murphy; Vicki Poirier; Ben Urbanietz

23.04.1 CALL TO ORDER

President Smallwood called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

23.04.2 TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Smallwood 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.

23.04.3 INTRODUCTIONS

President Smallwood welcomed councillors and guests to the meeting and introduced Ownership Linkage presenter Ian Ferguson, P.Ge., PhD.

23.04.4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Smallwood asked if there were any proposed changes or additions to the agenda. Hearing no changes, the agenda was adopted as presented.

23.04.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

President Smallwood 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.

23.04.6 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 11, 2023

President Smallwood asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Council meeting on May 11, 2023. Hearing none, the minutes were adopted as circulated.

OWNERSHIP LINKAGE PRESENTATION

23.04.7 O1. IAN FERGUSON, PH.D., P.GEO., DEPT OF EARTH SCIENCES, UOFM, AND COUNCILLOR RANDAL ROULETTE, SANDY BAY OJIBWAY FIRST NATION

At 12:35 p.m. Michael Gregoire introduced Ian Ferguson.

Ian thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on the topic of Geophysical Surveys for unmarked graves at residential school sites in Manitoba.

Ian reviewed the geoscience-related components in the search for unmarked graves, including database development, area mapping, sub-surface remote sensing, and communication of the results. He provided examples of GPR surveys and spoke of the development of recommendations and standards for unmarked grave searches. He then spoke of the Sandy Bay Residential School Project and provided a summary of the project's preliminary GPR survey results.

The floor was opened to questions and comments.

At 1:22 p.m. President Smallwood thanked Ian for the presentation.

At 1:22 p.m. Ian Ferguson left the meeting.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

23.04.8 B1. CHAIR'S REPORT - PRESIDENT IAN SMALLWOOD, P.ENG.

President Smallwood reported on the events he attended since the last meeting, which included the MLA reception (May 18th), Engineers Canada President's meeting (May 25th), Geoscientists Canada President's meeting (June 1st) and the Past Presidents Committee meeting (June 1st)

At 1:28 p.m. Councillor Paculan arrived.

23.04.9 B2. ENGINEERS CANADA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President Smallwood asked Council to please review the report posted on the online agenda.

23.04.10 B3. GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President Smallwood asked Council to please review the report posted on the online agenda.

Michael Gregoire highlighted some of the items in the report and noted that Doug Bell started his term as President of Geoscientists Canada for 2023-2024.

23.04.11

B4. GOVERNANCE TASKFORCE REPORT

Past President Silk and Councillor McDonald, Chair and Vice Chair of the taskforce, reported that they will meet every second Monday and the group will meet once a month, starting June 20th, to review the governance review progress reports.

23.04.12

B5. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor Amorim, Chair of the Finance Committee spoke to the highlights of the report which included a summary of the latest financial statements.

CONSENT AGENDA

23.04.13

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 May 1, 2023 and May 31, 2023.

COUNCIL EDUCATION

23.04.14

D1. EVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

President Smallwood thanked Council for their feedback and comments.

GOVERNANCE

23.04.15

G1. 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

Councillor Amorim and Michael Gregoire spoke to the Decision Background memo from the Finance Committee, dated June 8, 2023.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by David Amorim and **SECONDED** by Christina McDonald that Council formally approves the proposed 2023-2024 Budget with fees and dues presented.

President Smallwood called for discussion on the motion.

Council asked if there were plans for the remaining funds in the Centennial Fund. Michael reported that the Heritage Committee has been asked to provide a recommendation to Council on how to allocate those funds.

Hearing no further discussion, President Smallwood called the question and Council voted on the motion.

CARRIED

23.04.16 G2. 2023 BY-LAW PROPOSALS

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from the By-law Review Committee, dated June 8, 2023.

MOTION: It was MOVED by Alan Pollard and SECONDED by Kathryn Atamanchuk that Council accepts the Council proposed by-law changes laid out in Appendix A and moves them forward for a vote by the membership.

President Smallwood called for discussion on the motion.

Councillor Pollard, member of the By-law Review Committee, provided highlights of the proposed by-law changes.

Hearing no further discussion, President Smallwood called the question and Council voted on the motion.

CARRIED

23.04.17 G3. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Michael Gregoire, CEO & Registrar (Interim), dated June 8, 2023.

MOTION: It was MOVED by Allan Silk and SECONDED by Christina McDonald that Council approves the appointment of Getnet Muluye, P.Eng., Andrew Gies, P.Eng., and Corey Dabrowski, P.Eng. to the Registration Committee for a two-year term.

CARRIED

At 2:02 p.m. Council took a break

At 2:18 p.m. Council returned from break

At 2:18 p.m. President Smallwood 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 3:28 p.m. Council came out of Camera.

President Smallwood announced that during the in camera session, Council discussed and approved the Nominating Committee's 2023 slate of election candidates and that the tabled motion from the May 11th meeting (item G5. Retooling of Iron Ring Ceremony) had been withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS AND ENDS

23.04.22 M1. E-1 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PRACTICING ENGINEERING AND GEOSCIENCE ARE REGISTERED AND LICENSED - GREGOIRE
Michael Gregoire, CEO & Registrar (Interim) spoke to his monitoring report dated June 8, 2023.

Hearing no objections, the monitoring report was accepted.

23.04.23 M2. EL-3 FINANCIAL CONDITION - GREGOIRE
Michael Gregoire, CEO & Registrar (Interim) spoke to his monitoring report dated June 8, 2023.

Hearing no objections, the monitoring report was accepted.

COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

23.04.24 P1. GP-8.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE - THOMSON
Councillor Thomson spoke to her monitoring report, dated June 8, 2023.

Hearing no objections, the monitoring report was accepted.

23.04.25 P2. GP-8.11 AUDIT COMMITTEE - MCDONALD
Councillor McDonald spoke to her report, dated June 8, 2023.

Hearing no objections, the monitoring report was accepted.

23.04.26 P1. GP-8.13 FINANCE COMMITTEE – AMORIM
Councillor Amorim spoke to his report, dated June 8, 2023.

Hearing no objections, the monitoring report was accepted.

INFORMATION ITEMS

23.04.27 COUNCIL RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ITEMS:
N1. Planning agenda for the next meeting
N2. Membership statistics as at May 31, 2023
N3. 2024 Engineers Canada Annual Meeting of Members
N4. 2023 Volunteer Appreciation Event

SELF-EVALUATION

23.04.28 V1. EVALUATION PAGE FOR THIS MEETING
President Smallwood asked for councillors to complete and submit the evaluation form for today's meeting.

FYI 'NICE TO KNOW' INFORMATION

23.04.29 F1. CEMF 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

ADJOURNMENT

23.04.30 The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

Ian Smallwood, P.Eng.
President

Michael Gregoire, P.Eng., FEC
CEO & Registrar (Interim)