



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL 25, 2025

Engineers and Geoscientists BC's Board of elected registrants and public representatives meets throughout the year. The following are the highlights of its April 25, 2025 meeting.

UPDATE FROM AUDIT & PRACTICE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Audit & Practice Review Committee (APRC) Chair Gordon McDonald, P.Eng., presented highlights of the committee's work to the Board. Highlights of his report included:

- The on-time completion rate for Continuing Education in 2024 was 92%, a strong figure for the first full Three-Year Rolling Period;
- Permit to Practice registrations have steadily grown at an average rate of 13% per year, with the majority of those firms coming from the private industry and mainly practicing in structural, civil, mechanical, project management, and construction sectors;
- 256 firm audits were initiated in FY25 (July 1, 2024 to March, 2025), and 168 were closed. In total, 628 opportunities for improvement (OFIs) were found, 432 corrective action requests (CARs) were issued, and 1 major non-conformance was identified;
- 197 individual audits were initiated in FY25, and 185 were closed. In total, 313 OFIs were found (including 123 for Quality Management issues), 88 CARs were issued, and 4 major non-conformances were identified (including 3 for independent review of structural design);
- In 2024, the first firm practice review was initiated from an individual compliance audit using a new protocol to enable such a process; and
- A new amendment allowing APRC to forward practice review reports and supporting documentation to the investigation committee has helped streamline both processes.

ENGINEERS CANADA MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FEE INCREASING

The Board approved a motion to instruct its member representative to Engineers Canada (Board Chair Mark Porter, P.Eng., Struct.Eng., FEC) to vote to approve the proposed 2027 Per Capita Assessment Fee (PCAF) be increased from \$10 to \$11 per registrant at Engineers Canada's Annual Meeting of Members in May 2025.

The financial impact for the adjustment will result in approximately \$41k additional expense for Engineers and Geoscientists BC (based on 2024 registrant figures) for 2027 and beyond. The Engineers Canada Per Capita Assessment Fee increase will not impact the Engineers and Geoscientists BC registrant fee.

The proposed increase for 2027 will provide Engineers Canada with additional revenue to support strategic initiatives while aiming to balance the budget.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Board received an update on Engineers and Geoscientists BC's current budget, which is projected to have a surplus of \$1 million to \$1.5 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (FY2025).

Contributing factors to this surplus include:

- Vacancies and delays in recruiting new positions (788K)
- Projecting higher volume of candidates for Academic exams for other jurisdictions (457K)
- Anticipating higher legal recovery following the conclusion of disciplinary cases (196K)

CEO UPDATE

Engineers and Geoscientists BC CEO Heidi Yang, P.Eng., updated the Board on a series of items. These included:

- the induction ceremony, held March 27, saw 165 new engineering and geoscience registrants receive their professional license;
- the average time to process applications from internationally educated professionals was 92 days from when all documents have been submitted to Engineers and Geoscientists BC during the April 1, 2025 Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG) reporting period (covering July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024); and
- Engineers and Geoscientists BC received \$30,000 in grant money for training staff and volunteers to implement best practices when communicating decisions to internationally educated applicants.

OTHER REPORTS PRESENTED

The Board received reports from staff and representatives on the following additional topics:

- The Board approved the publication of the *Professional Practice Guidelines – Engineering Services for Temporary Structures: Covered Walkways* pending appropriate review and consultation. These Guidelines provide guidance on professional practice to Engineering Professionals who provide engineering services for Covered Walkways.
- The Board approved the publication of the *Professional Practice Guidelines – Landslide Mapping* pending appropriate review and consultation. These Guidelines aim to standardize professional practice related to four types of Landslide Maps: Inventory, Susceptibility, Hazard, and Risk maps. These Guidelines address professional practice considerations related to data collection and interpretation, analytical methods, equity, climate change, communication strategies, the preparation of mapping tools, as well as end-users and map audience.
- Board member Michelle Mahovlich, P.Eng., P.Geo., presented a video on the history of the Iron Ring Ceremony, which is celebrating 100 years and has been modernized to emphasize the relevance of the ceremony to today's engineering field and make the event more inclusive. Mahovlich is also Warden of Camp 23 in Victoria. Engineers and Geoscientists BC is publishing a feature on the Iron Ring Ceremony in the Summer 2025 edition of Innovation magazine.

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