



ENGINEERS &  
GEOSCIENTISTS  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE *PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE ACT*,  
S.B.C. 2018, CHAPTER 47

and

IN THE MATTER OF PAOLO M. TREVISAN, P.ENG.

ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC FILE NO. T20-038

**CONSENT ORDER**

**Background**

1. On March 18, 2021, pursuant to section 66(1) of the *Professional Governance Act*, S.B.C. 2018, c. 47 (the “*PGA*”), the Investigation Subcommittee of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia doing business as Engineers and Geoscientists BC assigned to the file issued an investigation report (the “*Report*”) regarding Paolo M. Trevisan, P.Eng. The Report was provided to the Investigation Committee pursuant to s. 9.7.6(1) of the *Bylaws* of Engineers and Geoscientists BC.
2. On March 25, 2021, the Investigation Committee considered this matter and appointed a Resolution Subcommittee to attempt to resolve this matter by means of a Consent Order.
3. The Investigation Committee and Mr. Trevisan wish to resolve the matter by consent pursuant to section 73(2) of the *PGA* in order to avoid the need for a disciplinary hearing.
4. Mr. Trevisan consents to the disposition set out below.

## Legislation

5. On February 5, 2021, the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 116 (the “*EGA*”) was repealed and replaced by the *PGA*.
6. The conduct of Mr. Trevisan took place at a time when the *EGA* was in force. As a result, the conduct in question is considered pursuant to sections 30(9)(b) and 30(9)(c) of the *EGA*, specifically unprofessional conduct, incompetence, and negligence and the *Bylaws* and *Code of Ethics* under the *EGA*.
7. Pursuant to sections 35(2) and 36(1)(c) the *Interpretation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 238, investigations commenced under the *EGA* carry on procedurally under the *PGA*.

## Admissions

8. Mr. Trevisan admits that he demonstrated unprofessional conduct by:
  - a. Failing to retain complete project documentation in relation to carrying out structural engineering services for a greenhouse structure located at a property in Westwold, BC (the “Project”) including records related to input requirements, design analysis and design checks, contrary to *Bylaw* 14(1)(b)(1), as it then read.
  - b. Failing to document adequate and regular structural engineering checks and analysis during the course of the Project, contrary to *Bylaw* 14(b)(2), as it then read.
  - c. Failing to ensure that documented independent structural reviews were conducted during the course of the Project contrary to *Bylaw* 14(b)(4), as it then read.
  - d. Failing to comply with the 2018 British Columbia Building Code (“2018 BCBC”) during the Project, including by failing to independently calculate the correct snow loads for the Project location in accordance with Part 4.1.6 of the 2018 BCBC.
9. The conduct set out above at paragraphs 8(a) through 8(d) is contrary to Principle 1 of the *Code of Ethics*, as it then read, which, in part, provided that members and licensees shall hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public.

## Disposition

10. By consent, this Order is made pursuant to section 73 of the *PGA*.
11. Mr. Trevisan resigns his registration in Engineers and Geoscientists BC effective of the date of this Consent Order (the “Resignation Date”).

12. If at any time after the Resignation Date Mr. Trevisan wishes to be re-registered with Engineers and Geoscientists BC:
  - a. he must as a condition of such application provide written notice to Engineers and Geoscientists BC that he has at his own expense:
    - i. completed and passed the Engineers and Geoscientists BC Professional Practice Examination;
    - ii. completed the Professional Engineering and Geoscience in BC Online Seminar; and
  - b. he must comply with all requirements of the Credentials Committee of Engineers and Geoscientists BC and all bylaws, policies and guidelines respecting registration and competency.
13. Should Mr. Trevisan successfully re-register with Engineers and Geoscientists BC at any time in the future, he consents to a practice review conducted by the Audit and Practice Review Committee, and pay the costs associated with the practice review, within six months of his reinstatement of registration with Engineers and Geoscientists BC. The precise timing and process of which will be determined by the Audit and Practice Review Committee.
14. Mr. Trevisan will pay \$1,500 to Engineers and Geoscientists BC as a contribution towards the legal costs incurred in this matter contemporaneous with the Resignation Date.

### **Consequences of the Consent Order**

15. The full text of this Consent Order will be published on the website of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, and a summary will be published in print and electronic publications including in public communications.
16. This Consent Order has the same force and effect as an Order made under section 75 of the *PGA*.
17. Mr. Trevisan has received independent legal advice regarding the content of this Consent Order.
18. Engineers and Geoscientists BC and Mr. Trevisan agree that this Consent Order may be executed in counterparts and delivered as an electronic document.

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This Consent Order is approved and accepted by Mr. Trevisan and the Investigation Committee this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

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Paolo M. Trevisan, P.Eng.

Martine Contant  
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Witness Name

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Witness Signature

The Investigation Committee of the Association  
of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists  
of the Province of British Columbia

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Per: Peter Helland, P.Eng.  
Chair, Investigation Committee