



ENGINEERS &
GEOSCIENTISTS
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

AND

IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT GORDON WILSON, P.ENG., P.GEO
ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC FILE T21-051 (LICENSE #: 16256)

CONSENT ORDER

Background

1. On October 30, 2024, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia, doing business as Engineers and Geoscientists BC, issued a citation against Robert Gordon Wilson, P.Eng., P. Geo, pursuant to section 66(1) of the *Professional Governance Act*, S.B.C. 2018, c 47 (the “PGA”).
2. The Citation set out allegations regarding Mr. Wilson’s preparation of a residential landslide risk assessment (the “Report”) for the purpose of obtaining a development permit for the construction of a house near Williams Lake, BC.
3. Engineers and Geoscientists BC and Mr. Wilson now wish to resolve these matters by consent pursuant to section 73(2) of the *PGA* in order to avoid the need for a disciplinary hearing.
4. Mr. Wilson 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 On February 5, 2021, the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 116 (the “*EGA*”) was repealed and replaced by the *PGA*.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 in question took place when the *EGA* was in force. As a result, Engineers and Geoscientists BC has considered Mr. Wilson’s conduct pursuant to the *EGA* and the Bylaws and Code of Ethics under the *EGA*. While Mr. Wilson’s conduct is considered under the *EGA*, pursuant to sections 35(2) and 36(1)(c) of the *Interpretation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 238, this matter proceeds procedurally under the *PGA*.

Admissions

7. Mr. Wilson admits that he demonstrated unprofessional conduct in his preparation of the Report. In particular, Mr. Wilson admits that he:
 - a. failed to refer to relevant and applicable guidelines, or the requirements set out therein, in the Report, including:
 - i. Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia *Guidelines for Legislated Landslide Assessments for Proposed Residential Developments in BC* (version revised May 2010);
 - ii. Cariboo Regional District *Development Permits Williams Lake Geotechnical Hazard Development Services Guide*;
 - iii. Cariboo Regional District *Guidelines for the Preparation of Geotechnical reports*;
 - b. failed to conduct sufficient fieldwork to reasonably evaluate the landslide hazard or risks;
 - c. failed to include in the Report relevant background information required by relevant and applicable guidelines, including:
 - i. a location plan or topographic or drainage maps of the Project site;
 - ii. existing upslope and drainage infrastructure;
 - iii. groundwater aquifer mapping and associated reports;
 - iv. all relevant water well records and hydrogeology reports;
 - v. topographic mapping and accurate delineation of the landslide catchment area;
 - vi. changes in upslope land use; and

- vii. surface drainages.
 - d. failed to include any maps, plans, figures, sketches, photos, or illustrations in the Report, and relied instead on outdated and uninformative Google Earth images;
 - e. failed to account for and explain to the clients nearby damage linked to slope movement and the risk it presented to the Project site;
 - f. failed to obtain, or alternatively disregarded without explanation, information regarding the landslide rating of the Project site from the Cariboo Regional District;
 - g. relied on outdated land slide assessments of the area despite being aware of more recent assessments, while diverging from the findings of more recent landslide assessments without explanation;
 - h. failed to provide an estimate of the landslide hazard or risk for the Project site, or otherwise make clear to his clients the landslide risk at the Project site; and
 - i. failed to note the existence of GPS monitoring data for the Project site and his inability to gain access to that data.
8. The conduct described in paragraph 7 is contrary to sections 14(b)(1) and (2) of the Bylaws, as they stood at the time, which required that members and licensees establish and maintain document management processes for their practices, which shall include as a minimum:
- 1. Retention of complete project documentation which may include, but is not limited to, correspondence, investigations, surveys, reports, data, background information, assessments, designs, specifications, field reviews, testing information, quality assurance documentation, and other engineering and geoscience documents for a minimum period of 10 years;
 - 2. Regular, documented checks of engineering and geoscience work using a written quality control process appropriate to the risk associated with the work;
9. The conduct described in paragraph 7 is contrary to the Code of Ethics, as it stood at the time, in particular:
- a. Principle 1, which required that registrants hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, the protection of the environment, and promote health and safety within the workplace; and

- b. Principle 3, which required that registrants provide an opinion on a professional subject only when it is founded upon adequate knowledge and honest conviction.

Disposition

10. By consent, this Consent Order is made pursuant to section 73 of the *PGA*.
11. Mr. Wilson's registration in Engineers and Geoscientists BC is suspended for a period of six months commencing on August 25, 2025 (the "Suspension Period").
12. Prior to the end of the Suspension Period, Mr. Wilson must provide written notice to Engineers and Geoscientists BC that he has successfully completed, at his own expense:
 - a. the Professional Engineering and Geoscientists Practice in BC Online Seminar;
 - b. The course entitled "Soil Engineering – Fundamentals and Applications" offered by EPIC on November 24 – 27, 2025; and
 - c. the *Professional Practice Guidelines: Landslide Assessments in British Columbia* webinar offered by Engineers and Geoscientists BC.
13. Six months after the completion of the Suspension Period, Mr. Wilson will undergo a Practice Review conducted by the Audit and Practice Review Committee of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, at his own cost, the precise timing and process of which will be determined by the Audit and Practice Review Committee.
14. Mr. Wilson will pay \$7,500 to Engineers and Geoscientists BC contemporaneous with the execution of this Consent Order as a contribution towards the legal costs incurred in this matter.
15. In the event that Mr. Wilson fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, his registration with Engineers and Geoscientists BC will be suspended until every default has been remedied in accordance with this Consent Order.

Consequences of the Consent Order

16. 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.
17. This Consent Order has the same force and effect as an Order made under section 75 of the *PGA*.

18. Mr. Wilson has received independent legal advice regarding the content of this Consent Order.

19. Mr. Wilson and Engineers and Geoscientists BC agree that this Consent Order may be executed in counterparts and delivered as an electronic document.

This Consent Order is approved and accepted by Mr. Wilson and the Discipline Committee this 19th day of August 2025.

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Robert Gordon Wilson, P. Eng., P. Geo

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Name of Witness

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Signature of Witness

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