

2022 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

Kevin Kowalyk, P.Eng., CET

Candidate nominated by Council

- EDUCATION:** BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2015
Civil Engineering Technology, Red River College, 2001
- ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:** Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2019 – present
- OTHER ENGINEERING/
GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:** Certified Technologist, The Certified Technicians & Technologists
Association of Manitoba, 2009 - present
- EMPLOYERS SINCE
GRADUATION:** City of Winnipeg, Development Engineer, 2015 – present

PLATFORM PART 1 – THE PUBLIC OF MANITOBA

The Association governs and regulates the professions in the public interest. What is, or what should, Council be doing to ensure that its governance is in the public interest and why?

Council should lead by example by making decisions with integrity and keeping public interest at the forefront. Society and our profession are constantly changing both in needs and expectations. Successful leadership needs to be aware of these changes and adapt to them.

Council should also be guiding through policies that are clear, well understood, and reasonable and administer them in a consistent and transparent manner.

Regardless of what the policy or direction is, if it is difficult to understand, vague or inconsistent the overall value of it is low and with little chance that it will accomplish the spirit of what it was set out to do.

PLATFORM PART 2 – THE ASSOCIATION

Council sets the expectation for the Association by defining the Ends. What is, or should be, the most important End and why?

All the Ends are important, and none operate in a vacuum; however, the End that I gravitate toward is E-2, "Practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally". To me, our profession's reputation was built on professionalism and consistent competence. This high level of knowledge and experience to me is what enables all of the other Ends and made me aspire to become an engineer after more than a decade of working with them in a technologist role. Competence in engineering is critical for public safety and in progressing ideas into reality.

Engineer's professionalism brings with it the public's confidence and aids in a positive perception of its members.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE COUNCIL

Council sets out the core characteristics of what it considers to be a good councillor in Clause 1 of GP-6. What is, or should be, the most important characteristic of a good councillor and why?

I believe 1.3 “Interest in and capability to discuss the values underlying the actions taken in the organization, and to govern through the broader formulation of those values” is an important characteristic for a good councillor. Having councillors that are engaged and proficient in discussing the overarching direction of the organization lays the groundwork to engage in the long term, the big picture, and actual governance. It allows concentration on meaningful dialog regarding the future of the organization, the values of it, its members, and the public.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

Please provide any additional information you would like as to why you would make a good councillor.

My experience outside of the norm is what would make me a good councillor. I worked for more than a decade with engineers, before returning to school as a mature student to become one myself.

In my role at the City of Winnipeg much of my work is as an intermediary between an engineering division, consultants, politicians, developers, planners, and the general public. This continuous interaction with engineers and non-engineers provides me unique insight into how our profession interacts with society, our role and the public’s expectations of us.