

2022 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

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Candidate nominated by Council

- EDUCATION:** BSc Mechanical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2006
- ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:** Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2012 – present
Provincial Engineering and Geoscience Week (PEGW) & Spaghetti Bridge Competition, promotions chair 2012 – present
Public Awareness Committee, member 2011 – 2014, chair 2014 – 2022
- OTHER ENGINEERING/
GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:**
- EMPLOYERS SINCE
GRADUATION:** AGI, Application Engineering Manager, 2012 – present
Price Industries, Product Designer, 2009 – 2012
Cadorath Aerospace, Quality Assurance, 2007 – 2009

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?

Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council should ensure that its members listen to the public and ensure that the public feels heard by the Association. Ensuring a fair, unbiased process for public communication is critical, while also realizing the "true public interest" is a complicated discovery process including ethical and philosophical decisions. If individual Council members are ethical, competent and honest, with room for healthy debate amongst ourselves, then this will ensure the Council is acting in the public's best interest.

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?

A well-regulated, registered, and licensed group of competent members makes our Association possible, so this end is absolutely a requirement. However, the most important End, is ensuring our members practice with competence and professionalism. If unprofessional and incompetence is allowed to persist and propagate, small erosions of trust will occur from the public and fellow professionals. Our members should be of the strongest character, that can be counted to stand by their virtues in the face of adversity. If prospective young students, who might become engineers or geoscientists one day, don't see integrity, honesty, empathy, and professionalism in our members, then we might awaken one day to not find any members left. If the public can't count on us to champion physical and engineering principles to be utilized on projects, despite challenges to do so, then they might find they don't need us at all.

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?

A good councillor must have interest and capability to discuss the values underlying the actions taken. All members should be able to explain their work back to first principles, which often come down to values and ethics. Being able to explain problems or disagreements back to the body of knowledge that came before us is invaluable. Being able to articulate this is the difference between being overconfident or arrogant, and "100% confident".

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

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

Volunteering is contagious and rewarding! The whole world feels more divided than I've seen in my short time on earth, which is a signal to reflect what values we truly hold dear. Inspiring others that integrity and competence are virtues worth fighting for are what keep me volunteering, and getting out of bed every morning.