

## 2025 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

### Christian Bohm, P.Geo.

Candidate nominated by Members

<b>EDUCATION:</b>	BSc Geology, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 1989 MSc Geology, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 1991 PhD Geology, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 1996
<b>ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA ACTIVITIES:</b>	Professional Geoscientist of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, member 2020-present Registration Committee, member, 2023-present
<b>OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:</b>	University of Manitoba, Adjunct Professor, 2010-present Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences (CFES), Director, 2016-2020 Precambrian Division of Geological Association of Canada (GAC), Chair, 2006-2009 Co-led the Manitoba Liaison Committee on Mining and Exploration, 2019- 2022
<b>EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:</b>	Goldilocks Geoscience Services, Winnipeg, MB, Principal Geoscientists, 2025-present Apex Geoscience Ltd., Winnipeg, MB, Senior Geologist, 2023-2025 Manitoba Geological Survey, Winnipeg, MB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Geologist, Precambrian Geoscience, 2017-2023</li> <li>– Acting Director, 2012-2017</li> <li>– Chief Geologist, 2008-2012</li> <li>– Precambrian Geologist, 2002-2008</li> </ul> Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Lecturer, 2000-2002</li> <li>– Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Radiogenic Isotope Facility, 1996- 2022</li> </ul>

### PLATFORM PART 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Please tell us why you are interested in serving on Council and what you bring to the role.**

My interest in serving on the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council is based on wanting to advance the geoscience profession, coupled with a passion to contribute to public protection and environmental stewardship. Having dedicated 30 years to the field of geoscience, I recognize the critical role that effective governance plays in upholding professional standards and ensuring the continued positive impact of geoscientists within Manitoba. This opportunity represents an avenue to give back to the

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profession that has shaped my career, leveraging my extensive experience to support the Association's mandate.

I bring a comprehensive skill set aligning with the Call for Council Nominations:

- **Strategic Thinking:** As Chief Geologist and Acting Director at Manitoba Geological Survey, I defined and executed geoscience programs, secured significant funding, and contributed to mining sector strategy, honing my ability to align resources with long-term objectives.
- **Management Oversight and Board Experience:** My leadership roles, including overseeing multi-million \$ budgets and 20-50 FTEs, provide extensive operational and intergovernmental liaison experience. My current role on the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Registration Committee and previous directorship with CFES offer practical board governance experience.
- **Risk Management:** My leadership in geoscience programs and complex exploration projects involve a robust approach to risk assessment and mitigation.
- **Regulatory and Legal Knowledge:** My government geoscience and consultant experience, together with my Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba registration and Registration Committee involvement, demonstrate a strong understanding of regulatory frameworks and adherence to industry standards and best practices.
- **Collaboration and Communication:** I have fostered collaborations with Indigenous communities, governments, and stakeholders, and mentored junior staff, showcasing my ability to work effectively with diverse groups and communicate complex information.
- **Integrity and Accountability:** My 30 years as a geoscientist, with a focus on qualified, science-based reporting and due diligence, underscore my professional integrity and dedication to transparent services in the public interest.

My long-term, diverse background in public geoscience, private consulting, and academia provides a unique perspective. I am eager to apply this experience to protect the public and advance the geoscience profession in Manitoba.

### PLATFORM PART 2 – 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's core duty is to ensure governance serves the public interest, as per the Global End: "The interests of the Public of Manitoba are protected..." This requires proactive, strategic governance:

1. Council must maintain robust, transparent processes for registration, licensure, and discipline. Continuous review and enhancement are vital to ensure fairness, efficiency, and effectiveness in verifying practitioner competence and ethics, especially with emerging technologies. Alignment with professional associations (including transferability) across Canada while preserving Manitoban specifics that demand ongoing review.
2. Council must actively engage with the public and stakeholders. This means fostering genuine dialogue to align policies with public expectations and championing initiatives that promote understanding of the professions' roles in public safety and environmental protection.
3. Council must cultivate integrity, accountability, and continuous improvement. This involves setting clear ethical standards, promoting professional development, and ensuring all Council members adhere to the highest conduct.

Additionally, Council must be forward-looking, anticipating challenges like climate change and new technologies. Proactive stances ensure the professions meet evolving societal needs and continue their positive impact in Manitoba.

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In essence, public interest governance is transparent, accountable, and proactive. By focusing on these principles, Council fulfills its mandate and maintains public trust.

### PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

**Council sets the expectation for the Association by defining the Ends. What is the most important End and why?**

While all Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Ends are crucial, the most important is the Global End: "The interests of the Public of Manitoba are protected, as they relate to the practice of engineering and geoscience and that the results should be worth the resources expended". This is the foundational purpose of a self-regulating professional association.

The Global End's primacy lies in its explicit focus on public interest—the ultimate 'why' behind the Association. Other Ends (competent practitioners, preventing unqualified practice, stakeholder understanding, diversity, and supply of practitioners) are means to achieve this. Without commitment to the Global End, other Ends risk losing their core purpose.

My career, particularly at the Manitoba Geological Survey, has always prioritized public geoscience and sustainable resource development. This reinforces my belief that public interest protection is paramount. As a Council member, I would advocate for all decisions to be rigorously evaluated against the Global End, safeguarding public trust and professional integrity.

### PLATFORM PART 4 – THE COUNCIL

**Council sets out the core characteristics of what it considers to be a good councillor in GP-6 Councillor Roles and Job Description. What is the most important characteristic of a good councillor and why?**

Among the vital characteristics of a good councillor outlined in GP-6, I believe the most important is "Commitment to linking with the legal and moral ownership".

This characteristic embodies the fundamental fiduciary duty of a councillor to the public of Manitoba. It signifies that Council members are stewards for the organization, representing diverse public interests, and actively seeking to understand and engage with that diversity.

This commitment is crucial for three reasons:

1. It grounds all other responsibilities: It ensures that all other valuable characteristics, like strategic thinking, are applied with the public interest as the primary driver.
2. It fosters accountability and trust: Active engagement with the public builds and maintains trust, necessitating transparency in governance.
3. It drives proactive governance: A genuine commitment to ownership encourages councillors to anticipate public needs and ensure the Association remains relevant and responsive.

In essence, "Commitment to linking with the legal and moral ownership" is the bedrock for effective and ethical council service, ensuring the Council fulfills its core mandate of serving the public interest.