



Dear Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council, staff, delegates, and special guests,

On behalf of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, I am pleased to bring greetings for your Annual General Meeting, as well as share a few highlights of current key issues in BC, as well as across our professions.

TRANSITION TO THE PGA

It has been a year of change for Engineers and Geoscientists BC as we transitioned to the *Professional Governance Act* in February. This legislation established a new, consolidated framework for professional regulators in the natural and built environment in BC, including Engineers and Geoscientists BC and the regulators for forestry, agrology, biology, and applied science technology. The PGA is a positive change, providing tools for strong, progressive regulation and a new governance structure that provides a resilient and strategic foundation for our central work of protecting public safety.

NEW REGULATORY PROGRAMS

As part of our work to implement the PGA, we completed the development and delivery of two new programs: mandatory Continuing Education and the regulation of engineering and geoscience firms, which both launched in July 2021. These programs will improve public safety and confidence in the engineering and geoscience professions, ultimately resulting in stronger regulation and a safer British Columbia.

NEW CEO

This year, we also welcomed our new CEO, Heidi Yang. Heidi has broad-based experience in the regulatory, forestry, and manufacturing sectors. Throughout her 26-year career, she has provided strategic leadership that has enabled her teams to implement effective systems to support innovative and sustainable operations—experience that will be an asset to Engineers and Geoscientists BC as we continue to implement new regulatory processes and obligations introduced by the PGA.

Over the years, we have valued our strong relationship with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba and cooperation on shared goals, such as the 30 x 30 initiative. As our professions evolve, Engineers and Geoscientists BC looks forward to continued collaboration with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Larry Spence, P.Eng.
President