

2022 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

Lisa Thomson, P.Eng.

Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION: BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2009

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES: Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2012 – present
Mentorship Program, mentor, 2019

OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:

**EMPLOYERS SINCE
GRADUATION:** Tower Engineering:

- Associate, 2018 – present
- Structural Engineer, 2012 – 2018
- EIT, 2008 – 2012

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?

I believe ensuring that we have competent engineers in their fields is one of the top priorities of the Council. The demand for engineering in Manitoba appears to be rising and making sure that we have engineers that are capable to complete the work needed in a safe and knowledgeable manner serves the public's best interest. The Council should also be looking at the future of engineering to have a diverse group of new engineers joining the Association (both EITs and engineers from outside of Manitoba) and working with our current engineers to stay knowledgeable with new techniques and technologies to best serve the public.

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?

Each part of the Ends is equally important in my opinion because if we fail at one aspect of it the profession as a whole will suffer. Focusing solely on one aspect of it also means the others will suffer. The Council at times may have one End that is a priority, but this will constantly be changing and evolving as the needs of the Association and profession change over time. I believe it is Council's responsibility to make sure that at the times where there is a prime focus the other Ends are not being neglected or forgotten.

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?

As engineers we are problem solvers and sometimes, we want to solve the problem as quickly as possible, while this is what helps us be good engineers, I believe being able to listen and process what people are saying is a quality that is needed. Sometimes this means not being able to solve a problem right away, but rather really understand the issue and what people are saying when they themselves may not be sure what their full concern is. This can help to determine the root of the concern and also prevent further issues in the future. I believe that this helps with determining the long-term vision of the Association and being able to proactively work to resolve issues through deliberation.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

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

With my career and experience I believe I can add to the Council and help with some of its current initiatives as well as bring some new ideas such as how to improve the relationship of engineers/the Association and the City of Winnipeg. I am a member of other associations in Canada which can help bring other perspectives to this Council/Association. I feel my organizational skills and ability to see things to the end will benefit the Council.