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### **Greetings Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council, Staff, Delegates and Special Guests:**

On behalf of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. I'm 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.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 YEARS**

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba represents a time to celebrate your rich history of safety and innovation, and a time to reflect on your past and vibrant future. Engineers and geoscientists across Manitoba have contributed to the growth and prosperity of your province and this is something to be proud of. Congratulations on reaching your centennial milestone.

#### **THE REGULATORY LANDSCAPE IN BC IS CHANGING**

It has been a year of change as Engineers and Geoscientists BC prepares for a shift in British Columbia's regulatory landscape. We are now on the cusp of the new *Professional Governance Act* coming into force. The legislation establishes a new, consolidated framework for professional regulators in the natural and built environment, including Engineers and Geoscientists BC and the regulators for forestry, agrology, biology, and applied science technology. The new Act reflects our desire to be a strong and progressive regulator. This year we advanced the development of new regulatory requirements under the *Professional Governance Act*—including the regulation of firms and mandatory continuing education—which will improve public safety and confidence in the engineering and geoscience professions, ultimately resulting in stronger regulation and a safer British Columbia.

#### **RESPONDING TO COVID-19**

Our work as a regulator continued despite the impact of COVID-19, which continues to be felt across our professions. Virtual discipline hearings were held for the first time, and we shifted to online learning for our continuing education program. To better understand the impact of the pandemic on our professions, we surveyed registrants. The results highlighted challenges related to revenue loss, project delays or cancellations, concerns about the economy, and quick adaptation to remote work.

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 as you begin your next 100 years.

Sincerely,

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President