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Agenda

1. A view from Parliament Hill
2. Overview of objectives
3. Background and situational analysis
4. Public policy objectives
5. Other initiatives
6. Public Affairs Advisory Committee

A view from Parliament Hill

- Liberals still high in polls
- Appointment of new Conservative opposition leader
- New NDP leader announcement in the Fall.
- Cabinet shuffle
- Tough Fall legislation session for Trudeau Liberals
 - Federal tax changes
 - Legalization and regulation of cannabis
 - Renegotiation/modernization of NAFTA



Overview of objectives

- Engineers Canada's goal for 2017/18 is to:
 - Focus Engineers Canada efforts in Ottawa and gain a significant “win” for members
 - Establish Engineers Canada as a key partner and advisor on the infrastructure, climate change and diversity and inclusion files



Background and situational analysis

Engineers Canada:

- Is coming off 10 months of extensive, diverse engagement in Ottawa
 - Had 10 meetings with Ministers' Offices and federal departments
 - Engaged in 5 federal consultations in 2017 and 2 verbal testimonies to the House of Commons
- Had 42 MP meetings on Contact Day
- Is well-positioned to capitalize on Budget 2018
- Leveraging new opportunities in the Senate



Public policy objectives

- Invest in infrastructure climate vulnerability assessments
- Diversity and Inclusion
 - Improving current maternity and parental leave system
- Supporting the inclusion of professional engineers across federal departments



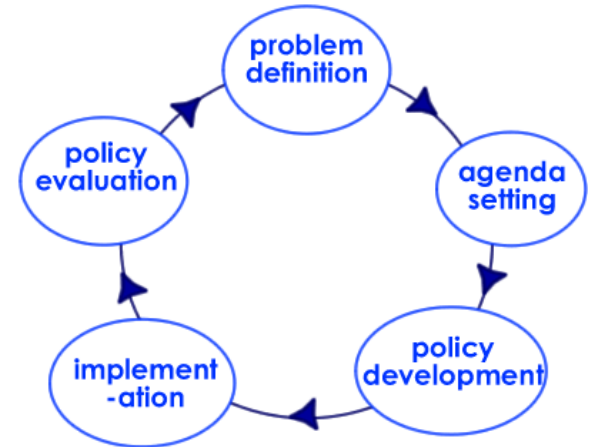
Other current initiatives

- Renegotiation/modernization of NAFTA
- Funding of Indigenous peoples' access to engineering programs
- Federal tax changes
- Transport Modernization Act
- Demand-side legislation



Operational committees

- Bridging Government and Engineering (BGE)
 - Chair: Darryl Ford
- Public Affairs Advisory Committee (PAAC)
 - Chair: Ray Mantha



Public Affairs Advisory Committee

- Provides advice and guidance to Engineers Canada on:
 - Developing national position statements for all levels of governments and the general public on new and existing issues facing the engineering profession
 - Ensuring the federal government consider the expertise of the engineering profession in policy making
 - Providing input into government and legislative committees regarding legislation

National Position Statements

- Climate Change
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Demand-Side Legislation
- Federally Regulated Industries
- Immigration and Foreign Qualifications Recognition
- Infrastructure on First Nation Reserves and in remote communities
- Infrastructure
- International Mobility
- Innovation and Productivity
- National and International Labour Mobility
- Procurement
- Qualified Person vs Licensed Engineer
- Qualifications-Based Selection
- Qualifications of Those Presenting Expert Testimony to Federal Boards or Review Panels
- Research and Development and Innovation Spending
- Regulating the Profession
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Questions?

Thank you / Merci

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