

**Present**

Robert Hearst, President/ Chair  
Zen Keizars, Vice President  
Mary-Anne Hildebrandt, Immediate Past President  
Michael Bunn, Treasurer  
Paul Connor, Secretary  
Alicia Kimberley  
Joanna Hodge  
Kelly Bolduc-O'Hare  
Kristina Small  
Michaela Kuuskman  
Michel Kearney  
Roger Woeller  
Ryan Weston

**Regrets:**

Cerise Latibeaudiere  
Clayton Sereres  
Laura Katz  
Sheila Daniel  
William Skura

**Staff**

Lauren Atmore, Stakeholder Relations and Communications Specialist

**By Invitation**

Scott McLean

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The President called the meeting to order at 12:25 am.

**2. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- The Chair welcomed everyone and introduced the new faces to council: Zen Keizars, Joanna Hodge.

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4. SAFETY MINUTE**

- Paul Connor spoke about weather radio, following up on the Safety Minute from the AGM. He noted that you can find them easily online and it's crucial to prepare it by setting it to your local weather tower. It will automatically tell you the windspeed, temperature, water temperature, and more which can be important if there is extreme weather happening nearby. In the United States, it will also report threat of nuclear weapon warning.

**5. DIVERSITY MINUTE**

- Kelly Bolduc-O'Hare spoke about unconscious bias and the role discrimination can play in hiring practices. Diverse employees will lead to further diverse hiring.

**6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

None.

**7. ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The attendance record was reviewed, and quorum was met.

**8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Council reviewed the agenda. Mary-Anne motioned to add the following:

- Presentation by Nominations Committee, Scott Mclean.
- Discussion of Council venue for 24-25 session meetings.

**Motion 156 - 1: Kelly Bolduc-O'Hare moved to accept the 156<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Agenda as presented with amendments: to add presentation by Scott Mclean and discussion of 2024-25 Council meeting venue. Seconded by Zen Keizars. Carried.**

**9. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**

- Scott recapped Council member changes over the previous year.
- Scott reviewed three candidates for the vacant Central Region council position.
- Nataliya Tkach was Nomination Committee's recommendation for Central Region Councillor.
- Discussion commenced on the procedure for someone to be on council for a part term and what that means for their total on-council time allowance. Paul explained that her time served in this term would count towards her total on-council time allowance.

**Motion 156 - 2: Paul Connor moved appoint Nataliya Tkach as Central Region Councillor until June 2025. Seconded by Zen Keizars. Carried.**

**10. 2024-2025 COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION**

- Councillors were asked if they preferred a downtown location or the airport location for meetings in the 2024-25 council year.
- Observations were:
  - That the airport location is more accessible for some, but that the meeting room chairs at the Alt Hotel are uncomfortable.
  - That PGO hotel stipend doesn't allow for downtown hotel prices, that this was the historical reason for having it at the airport.
  - That the hotel stipend is based on Federal guidance and is quite low, which may result in out-of-town councillors not attending.
  - That PGO staff had secured rates at the airport, and this may be possible to do with downtown locations as well.
- It was clarified that this discussion of travel was for quarterly council meetings.
- Councillors discussed having meetings outside of the GTA and were happy to entertain the idea.
  - It was noted that non-GTA meeting should be tied to a PGO-elevating event and/or trade show/conference, but also that choosing a non-GTA place that is consistent would be better.
  - It was suggested that this conversation be held at a later time.
  - Council wondered if there are councillors who are not coming to in-person meetings because of GTA location.

**Motion 156 - 3: Mary-Anne Hildebrandt moved that Council Meetings be held in a downtown location in Toronto. Paul Connor seconded. One abstention. Carried.**

**Motion 156 - 4: Kristina Small moved that staff be directed to look for alternative accommodation and meeting locations at airport or downtown, bundling accommodations with meeting rooms. Alicia Kimberley seconded. Carried.**

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF ONTARIO REPRESENTATIVE TO GC PPC**

- Council notes that this role was previously held by Paul Hubley who is now unable to be in that role, and that that Alicia volunteered for the role.
- The appointment of Alicia Kimberley to the Ontario Member's seat on Geoscientists Canada's Professional Practice Committee for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2024.

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## **12. BUSINESS II – IN-CAMERA SESSION**

- Council went for their in-camera portion of the meeting as per By-law No. 1A, s. 3.09 (iv)

**Motion 156 – 6: Mary-Anne moved that the business part of the meeting be adjourned and proceed to in-camera session. Seconded by Michael Bunn. Carried.**

- The in-camera session commenced at 1:17 p.m.

**13. EXITING IN-CAMERA SESSION**

- The in-camera session was terminated, and the Chair resumed the Council meeting, which included the invited individuals but without staff

**Motion 156 - 7: Alicia Kimberley motioned to re-open the meeting. Seconded by Michaela Kuuskman. Motion carried.**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 156 – 8: Kristina Small motioned to adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Bunn', is written over a faint, circular official stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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President

## Summary of Motions and Action Items

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