



July 4, 2018
Harry Cayton
The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care
157-197 Buckingham Palace Road,
London, SW1W 9SP

Dear Harry,

Re: Legislation and Governance Review of Engineers and Geoscientists BC

The Council of Engineers and Geoscientists BC is committed to continuous improvement and excellence in carrying out its mandate to protect the public interest in the practice of professional engineering and geoscience. This objective was behind our organization contacting PSA and engaging you to perform this audit. As the pre-eminent experts in the field of regulatory audit and consulting, our Council felt you and your team would be best placed to advise us on how we could further strengthen our approach to regulation of the professions.

We were pleased to see that your audit confirmed that our Council and staff are committed to working in the public interest and that it reinforced much of the work the organization has underway. In particular, we were pleased to see that we met seven of your nine prescribed Standards of Good Regulation. And, that once work already initiated on improved risk management and legislative modernization is complete, we will be in a position to meet all nine.

Indeed, as you know, and as the report notes, we have already advanced a number of changes to the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* with the Provincial government that include providing us with the ability to regulate engineering and geoscience companies, adding new tools to improve flexibility and responsiveness of regulators by giving Council the ability to enact bylaws in the public interest, and the ability to ensure competency of engineers and geoscientists through continuing professional development.

We are hopeful that the British Columbia government's Professional Reliance review, of which we were one of five participating regulators, will provide an opportunity to advance these legislative changes as expeditiously as possible. That review, and the preliminary recommendations it contained, also noted a number of potential changes to the governance of professional regulators in BC. We intend to work closely with the government over the coming months as it assesses the

recommendations with a view to ensuring B.C. benefits from a modern, progressive, comprehensive, effective and efficient regulatory regime that protects the public and the environment.

As you know, it is our intent to complete a Phase 2 audit that will review our operational performance against our mandate of protecting the public. We still intend to proceed as planned; however, with the current consultations underway on the Professional Reliance Review, and the potential for some impacts to the organization as a result, we are evaluating the optimal timing of this next phase to ensure it is as effective as possible.

At the conclusion of this first milestone, we feel we have derived a great deal of value from engaging in this process with you and the PSA team. It has reinforced much of the work we have underway already and provided guidance of potential additional areas of focus as we strive for continuous improvement. A significant component of that value was the professionalism and diligence of the PSA team, including Michael Humphries who visited our offices as an observer for a week in April. Our sincere thanks to him and all those at PSA for your efforts throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann English". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "English".

Ann English
CEO and Registrar
Engineers and Geoscientists BC