

Exciting News: Engineering and geoscience will have a BC advocacy body!

As you may be aware, Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (EGBC) are divesting of their advocacy work for the engineering and geoscience professions to focus their resources to best deliver on their regulatory mandate. EGBC recognizes the importance of advocacy work, and they are providing initial funding support to establish an independent society for engineering and geoscience in British Columbia. For more information about this announcement please click [here](#).

We are excited to announce the beginning of the independent advocacy body for engineering and geoscience. This significant milestone marks the beginning of a dynamic era. It is an opportunity to dedicate a focus on the advancement and promotion of our professions.

We are delighted to introduce the independent society's Inaugural Board of Directors, a dedicated and diverse group of engineering and geoscience leaders, selected by an independent steering committee appointed by EGBC as part of its commitment to foster the development of this new and independent advocacy body. [Click here to learn more about your Inaugural Board of Directors](#).

What is the difference between an advocacy body and a regulator?

	Advocacy Body	Regulatory Body
PURPOSE:	Advance and promote the interests of the professions and their members	License professionals and protect the public
COMMON ACTIVITIES	Education, career, networking and award opportunities. Advocates for the interests of the professions and their members.	Sets professional standards, registration, practice resources, continuing competence requirements and course offerings.

Since the first meeting in October the Inaugural Board has appointed their Chair and Vice Chair, finalized their terms of reference and begun selecting the consulting firms to support their work in the year ahead. There is much work ahead paving the way for the society's eventual launch and a target operational date set for September 2024. The first step in this journey is the legal incorporation of the advocacy body, a pivotal foundation for our future endeavours.

We invite you to join us on this exciting journey. The best way to stay informed about the progress and activities of the Inaugural board is to sign up for a mailing list by clicking [here](#), or visit the [EGBC.ca advocacy body](#) webpage for updates. Your engagement is important to us,

and we are eager to hear your thoughts and ideas as we work together to shape the future of engineering and geoscience in British Columbia.