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The Investigative Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) has investigated the conduct of Geoffrey Wensel (the registrant) with respect to a complaint initiated by Andy Smith, P. Eng., APEGA's deputy registrar and chief regulatory officer (the complainant) dated August 15, 2025 (the complaint).

## **A. The Complaint**

The complainant alleged that the registrant engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined at Section 44(1) of the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*, RSA 2000, c E-11 (*EGP Act*) with respect to the registrant's discipline matters in British Columbia.

The Investigative Committee's investigation focused on the following allegations:

*Whether the registrant engaged in unprofessional conduct by virtue of a disciplinary decision by the Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (Consent Order, dated May 19, 2025), and whether those actions and/or admissions by the registrant that occurred in British Columbia pose any risk to the public in Alberta.*

## **B. Agreed Statement of Facts:**

As a result of the investigation, it is agreed by and between the Investigative Committee and the registrant that:

### **(i) Background:**

- C. The registrant holds a master's in business administration (1985) and a bachelor of science in civil engineering (1981).
- D. The registrant has been a member of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (EGBC) since May 2012 and is currently a member to date.

3. At the time of the unprofessional conduct in British Columbia, the registrant was bound by the *Professional Governance Act (PGA)* in British Columbia. EGBC notes that the conduct at issue spanned the period when the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act (EGA)* was replaced by the *PGA*. The conduct at issue is considered pursuant to the *EGA* insofar as it relates to conduct that took place prior to February 5, 2021, and under the *PGA* insofar as it related to conduct that took place on or after February 5, 2021.
4. The registrant registered with APEGA in May of 2024 and voluntarily resigned in October of 2025.
5. The registrant was bound by the *EGP Act* and the APEGA Code of Ethics during the relevant time.
6. The registrant cooperated with the APEGA investigation.

**(ii) Facts Relating to the Allegation:**

*Whether the registrant engaged in unprofessional conduct by virtue of a disciplinary decision by EGBC (Consent Order, dated May 19, 2025), and whether those actions and/or admissions by the registrant which occurred in British Columbia pose risk to the public in Alberta.*

7. On July 30, 2023, the EGBC issued a 'Citation' to the registrant pursuant to Section 66(1) of the *Professional Governance Act*, S.B.C. 2018, c.47 (the *PGA*) (BC file No. T21-012).

The registrant and EGBC agreed to resolve this matter by way of a Consent Order pursuant to section 73(2) of the *PGA* to avoid the need for a disciplinary hearing.

8. Accordingly, the EGBC discipline Order, posted on May 19, 2025, states that the registrant admitted that he demonstrated unprofessional conduct contrary to the *EGA* in relation to his design of a residence in Vancouver, B. C., between September 2018 and August 2020 (the project), by:
  - C. Undertaking the project without having sufficient knowledge or expertise in the use of steel moment frames in residential construction.
  - D. Undertaking the project without having sufficient knowledge or expertise in concepts related to lateral design more generally, whether for wood construction or steel construction.
  - E. Preparing drawings dated February 19, 2019; July 25, 2019; September 19, 2019; April 24, 2020; and June 20, 2020 (the drawings) that contained numerous inadequacies, omissions, and design errors in relation to the project's lateral load-resisting systems, including in the following areas:
    - (1) Shear connections from drag struts to shear walls; (2) Connections of

bottom of shear walls to floor; (3) Second floor diaphragm; (4) Steel moment frame members; (5) Steel moment frame connections; (6) Concrete foundation for moment frame; (7) Main floor wood shear walls; (8) Shear connection of shear walls to foundation; (9) Concrete foundations beneath shear walls; (10) First floor side shear walls (front-back direction).

- Preparing drawings for an exterior canopy on the back of the residence that were insufficiently detailed and inadequately designed for the loads on the structure; and
  - Failing to maintain adequate records regarding the project, including failing to adequately record and track changes made to the drawings and the purposes for which the drawings were issued.
9. The registrant also admits that he committed professional misconduct, contrary to the *PGA*, when, between September 2021 and 2024, he withheld relevant documents during an investigation contrary to Section 104(3) of the *PGA* and Bylaw 9.7.5(1)(d).

10. EGBC Order Conditions:

- 'Registration suspended for six months starting on June 14, 2025'.
- 'During the suspension period, the registrant must complete the EGBC practice online seminar and several EGBC webinars'.
- 'Six months after the conclusion of the supervision period, the registrant must undergo a practice review conducted by the Audit and Practice Review Committee'.
- 'Effective May 19, 2025, the registrant is restricted from providing engineering services for buildings incorporating any structural steel, except for Part 9 (or equivalent) buildings that use only simple supported beams or columns, and do not include any steel-to-steel connections (the practice restriction). To lift this restriction, the registrant must complete an educational course set out in the Order'.
- 'If the registrant successfully lifts the practice restriction, all of his work related to practice restriction will be subject to direct supervision for a period of six months or six projects, which ever comes later'.

11. A copy of the EGBC Discipline Notice and Consent Order is found on the EGBC website: (<https://www.egbc.ca/complaints-discipline/complaints-discipline/discipline-hearings-notices>).

12. The registrant accepts that misconduct engaged outside of Alberta shall be investigated by APEGA as unprofessional conduct as if the misconduct had

occurred in Alberta.

13. The registrant acknowledges that APEGA regards structural engineering as a high-risk professional discipline and that public safety and public interest are paramount in all decisions regarding the profession.
14. The registrant admits that the conduct described in the allegation constitutes unprofessional conduct in Alberta.

**C. Conduct by the Registrant:**

35. The registrant freely and voluntarily admits that at all relevant times the registrant was bound by the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* and the APEGA Code of Ethics.

36. The registrant acknowledges that the conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 44(1) of the Act:

**Section 44(1)** Any conduct of a professional member, licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or member-in-training that is in the opinion of the Discipline Committee or the Appeal Board

(a) is detrimental to the best interests of the public,

(b) contravenes a code of ethics of the profession as established under the regulations,

(c) harms or tends to harm the standing of the profession generally,

(d) displays a lack of knowledge of or lack of skill or judgement in the practice of the profession, or

(e) displays a lack of knowledge of or lack of skill or judgement in the carrying out of any duty or obligation undertaken in the practice of the profession,

Whether or not that conduct is disgraceful or dishonorable constitutes either unskilled practice of the profession or unprofessional conduct, whichever the Discipline Committee or the Appeal Board finds.

Rules of Conduct of the APEGA Code of Ethics state:

1. Professional engineers and geoscientists shall, in their areas of practice, hold paramount the health, safety, and welfare of the public and have regard for the environment.
2. Professional engineers and geoscientists shall undertake only work that they are competent to perform by virtue of their training and experience.

3. Professional engineers and geoscientists shall conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, fairness, and objectivity in their professional activities.
  4. Professional engineers and geoscientists shall comply with applicable statutes, regulations, and bylaws in their professional practices.
  5. Professional engineers and geoscientists shall uphold and enhance the honor, dignity, and reputation of their professions and thus the ability of the professions to serve the public interest.
37. The registrant acknowledges that the conduct described above is conduct that is detrimental to the best interests of the public and contravenes the Code of Ethics as established under the regulations.
38. Further, the registrant acknowledges that the conduct described above constitutes a breach of Rules of Conduct 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

**D. Recommended Order - Registrant:**

39. On the recommendation of the Investigative Committee, and by agreement of the registrant with that recommendation, and following a discussion and review with the Discipline Committee case manager, the Discipline Committee hereby orders that:
- a. The registrant shall be reprimanded for their conduct, and this order shall serve as the reprimand.
  - b. The registrant shall not apply for reinstatement of licensure as a professional member, licensee, permit holder or restricted practitioner with APEGA for a period of one year from the date of this Order. If the registrant elects to apply for reinstatement of licensure with APEGA, the registrant shall be bound by APEGA's reinstatement process under the current or future legislation:  
<https://www.apega.ca/members/changes/return-to-practice#reinstate>  
The registrant shall not be eligible for IPMA (Inter-Provincial Mobility), regardless of registration status in another jurisdiction.
  - c. Any application for reinstatement as a professional member, licensee, permit holder or restricted practitioner with APEGA, upon being approved for reinstatement, that the registrant, for a period of 12 months from the reinstatement date, shall be subject to following restrictions and conditions:
    - i. The registrant will not engage in the practice of structural steel engineering (steel moment frames), or any structural steel, which incorporates supported steel beams or columns, or both, or any steel-

to-steel connections unless the registrant is under the direct supervision and control of an APEGA licensed professional engineer who is qualified to practice structural steel engineering as described.

- ii. The registered professional providing the direct supervision and control shall be known as the 'Supervisor'.
- iii. The registrant shall not practice structural engineering as defined in the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* Section 1(q), independently while under direct supervision and control.
- iv. The registrant's restricted status shall be reflected in APEGA's Member Directory.
- v. The requirements of direct supervision and control are defined in 3.1 of the APEGA practice standard *Relying on the Work of Others and Outsourcing*.
- vi. Any professional work products (PWP) completed by the registrant must be reviewed and authenticated by the supervisor as outlined in the APEGA practice standard *Authenticating Professional Work Products*.
- vii. Meetings and correspondence where the registrant provides recommendations or advice must be directly supervised by the supervisor.
- viii. The registrant shall not manage or supervise other professional registrants or members-in-training.
- ix. The registrant shall not be permitted to act as a Responsible Member until the condition of supervised practice has been lifted.
- x. All costs related to the supervision and required reporting shall be at the expense of the registrant.
- xi. The registered professional engineer as specified in clause (ii) must be deemed acceptable to act as the supervisor by the discipline manager.
- xii. The registrant shall submit in writing to the discipline manager the names, qualifications, position title, and contact information of a registered professional engineer willing to provide the required direct supervision and control as defined in clause (ii). The discipline manager will decide on the final selection of the supervisor(s).

- xiii. The supervisor shall enter an undertaking with APEGA to provide the required direct supervision, control, and reporting. This undertaking will consist of a form provided by APEGA.
  - xiv. The supervisor shall provide a report for each quarter respecting all projects undertaken by the registrant in that quarter, for a period of 12 months, to the discipline manager.
  - xv. Reports shall include for each project a summary of the project, a description of the registrant's role, and responsibilities on the project, a list of all PWP's related to the project for which the registrant was the primary contributor, and the supervisor's assessment of the registrant's work on the project.
  - xvi. Reports shall be deemed to be a PWP, requiring authentication.
  - xvii. At the conclusion of the supervised practice, the supervisor shall submit a written summary assessment in a format provided by APEGA and attest to the registrant's competency in structural engineering to the discipline manager. If, on review of the supervisor's written assessment, the Practice Review Board deems that the registrant's competency remains unsatisfactory, the registrant shall be indefinitely restricted from practicing structural engineering until they can demonstrate competency to the Practice Review Board's satisfaction. This indefinite restricted status shall be reflected in APEGA's Member Directory.
- d. If there are extenuating circumstances, the registrant may apply in writing to the discipline manager for an extension prior to the deadlines noted above. The approval for extending the deadline is at the discretion of the discipline manager. If such an application is made, the registrant shall provide the discipline manager with the reason for the request, a proposal to vary the deadline, and any other documentation requested by the discipline manager.
  - e. If the registrant fails to provide the discipline manager with proof that they have completed the requirements noted above within the specified timelines, or any extended timeline granted, the registrant shall be suspended from the practice of engineering for a minimum of thirty (30) days. If the non-monetary requirements in this Order are not completed within six (6) months of the suspension date, the registrant shall be cancelled. In the event of cancellation, the registrant will be bound by APEGA's reinstatement policy.
  - f. This matter and its outcome will be published by APEGA as deemed appropriate and such publication will name the registrant.

I, Geoffrey Wensel acknowledge that before signing this Recommended Discipline Order, I consulted with legal counsel regarding my rights or that I am aware of my right to consult legal counsel and that I hereby expressly waive my right to do so. I confirm that I agree with the facts and admissions as set out above in this Recommended Discipline Order, and that I agree with the Orders that are jointly proposed.

Further to the above, I acknowledge that a copy of this Order and my identity shall be provided to the APEGA Practice Review Board.

Further to the above, I acknowledge that I have reviewed APEGA's 'Good Standing Policy.' I understand that I will not be considered to be a member 'in good standing' until I have fully complied with the Orders set out above, and I understand that good standing status may affect membership rights or benefits, including the ability to become a Responsible Member, or the ability to volunteer with APEGA in any capacity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned agrees with the Agreed Statement of Facts and Acknowledgment of Unprofessional Conduct in its entirety.

Registrant

**Geoffrey Wensel**   
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2026/01/17)  
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.

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**Geoffrey Wensel (resigned)**

APEGA Investigative Committee

**Kevin Willis, P.Eng., P.E.**   
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**APEGA Investigative Committee**

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**Case Manager**